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Faculty and staff who care about their students. Administrative officers who are 100 percent dedicated to the college. Students who come in as strangers and leave as part of the family. There is truly No Place like Holmes.

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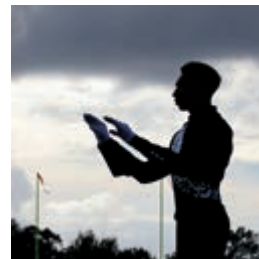
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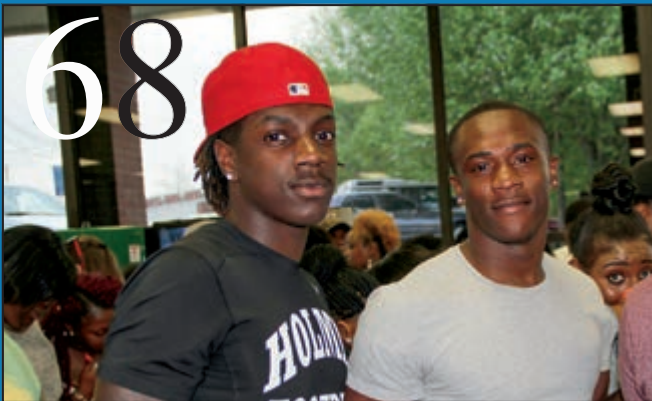


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here
we grow
again

A pavilion was added outside of Carroll Cafeteria, to serve both as a shady rest area, as well as a trailhead for Holmes' new walking trails. The new trails are a peaceful retreat that cross the bridge at the lake, and continue into a nature-filled wooded area.

news

AROUND CAMPUS

share.

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Lots going on!
Construction, renovation, promotions, retirements - and everywhere in between! Inside the classrooms and out, there's plenty going on on Holmes' campuses.

Holmes Community College President Dr. Jim Haffey



Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey stops for a photo with some family members at Homecoming. Pictured with Dr. Haffey are (left to right) David Hudson, Jean Hudson, Sam Hudson (Haffey's nephew who was on Homecoming Court) and Dr. Haffey's wife Rae Anne.



Rae Anne and Jim Haffey are all smiles at Homecoming 2017.



Pictured is the Haffey family: Jim, Hayley, Hudson and Rae Anne.

Holmes County native Dr. Jim Haffey serves as the 9th president of Holmes Community College. Over the tenure of Dr. Haffey's presidency, he has been instrumental in the growth of the college. A few of the accolades include the milestone celebration of Holmes' 90th anniversary, the opening of the new location in Yazoo City, the opening of the Attala Center in Kosciusko and the purchase of the former Fitness Lady - as well as prime I-55 highway access - to expand the Ridgeland Campus territory. Holmes also became the first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543 – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA); an online course that counts toward the 40 hours of training needed to apply for the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) credential.

A 1997 Holmes graduate, Dr. Haffey is an active member of the community, as well as an outdoor enthusiast and avid golfer. He and his wife Rae Anne, a pharmacist at Howell and Heggie Drug Co. in Durant, have two children: Hayley and Hudson, both of whom attend Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington.

"I want our students to be empowered to be anything and to go anywhere in the world, but always call the Holmes Community College district, and our people here, home," Dr. Haffey said.

Holmes at last!

Meet Major!

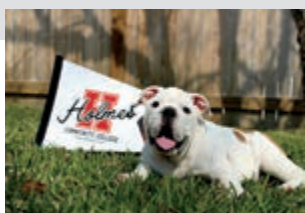
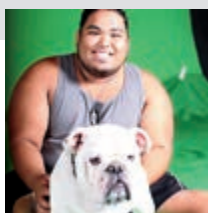
We are so happy to welcome Holmes' first live mascot in several decades!



"How did you choose the name, 'Major'?"

When the decision to get a new mascot was made, everyone in the Marketing and Recruiting Department kept secretly referring to him as "the major announcement."

Then, one day everyone sat around a table and made a list of names. Someone suggested 'Major' as a play on words to coincide with the phrase, "choose your major..." and the vote was unanimous.





ONE BUSY DOG!

From the time he stepped paw on campus, Major was a major hit! He was requested to make appearances at every kind of event. He traveled the district to attend everything from Freshman Friday to graduation! Students and staff alike gravitated toward the puppy to "show some love."



Born

12.30.2016

Adopted by Bulldog Nation

03.11.2017

A Native Mississippian

from Brandon, MS



Holmes students give back to their communities

Holmes encourages its students to become well-rounded citizens who contribute to society. While academic achievement is certainly important, the faculty and staff at Holmes also want students to learn the importance of helping others in need and giving back to the communities in which they live.

Some of the ways that Holmes students and staff have given back include: raising money for breast cancer, collecting Christmas presents for residents of Sunnybrook Children's Home and local nursing homes, visiting children at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and volunteering at the Mississippi Blues Marathon. Students also volunteered at animal shelters, coached at TOP Soccer for children with disabilities, served at Mississippi Food Network, volunteered for the 9/11 Heroes Run and collected items for 25:35 Thrift in Grenada which funds a shelter for victims of domestic violence, among other activities.



The Grenada Campus Practical Nursing students volunteered at the Grenada Soup Kitchen with children from Ms. Freeman's Little People's Place (a daycare) just before getting out of school for the Christmas Holidays.

The Rotoract Club, advised by Assistant Librarian Jennifer Smith, collected Angel Tree items for The Home Place and delivered them in December. The Home Place is an assisted living facility in Madison, and over the past several years, different Holmes organizations from the Ridgeland Campus have helped make sure the residents there have a merrier Christmas.

IN THIS PHOTO: (left to right) Jennifer Smith and Rotoract member Presley Grillette place the ornaments with the Angels' wish lists on the tree in Ridgeland Hall.





(left) The Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) freshmen students volunteered at St. Dominic Hospital's 19th Annual Senior Wellness Fest on Sept. 22.

IN THIS PHOTO: Freshman ADN student Christian Bourn takes the blood pressure of a lady attending the Wellness Fest.

(right) Holmes cheerleaders and Bully visited the patients and their families at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital on Sept. 7. The cheerleaders performed a pep rally for them featuring cheers yelling "gold" for the month of September's slogan "Going Gold" (September is Childhood Cancer awareness month and the color is gold.) Following the pep rally, they provided crafts and games for the patients to play with.

IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are the cheerleaders with (the toddler in the middle) one of the patients, a little girl named Journey from Kosciusko.



(left) The Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, located on the Grenada Campus, sponsored a campus-wide cleanup day on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Phi Theta Kappa members did this community service as part of their college project and to keep the Grenada Campus beautiful.

Pictured are: (left to right) Jeremy Brown, Emma Gibson and Faith Blankenship.

Shoemaker Dedication Ceremony

A dedication ceremony for the Nell Slade and W.C. "Dub" Shoemaker Nursing Wing was held at the Attala Center on Oct. 10. The late Mrs. Shoemaker was the first nursing instructor for Holmes in Kosciusko, and she taught classes at Montfort Jones Hospital. Mr. Shoemaker owned the Star Herald and a printing business in Kosciusko along with newspapers across the state. Many people attended the dedication including Peggy Barclay, sister of the Mrs. Shoemaker, and two of Mrs. Shoemaker's nieces, Beth Palmar and Kathy Fortenberry. Barclay and Palmar are from Hattiesburg while Fortenberry is from Columbia. Mr. Shoemaker credited the nursing program's success in the early years to his late wife and said he was her biggest cheerleader.

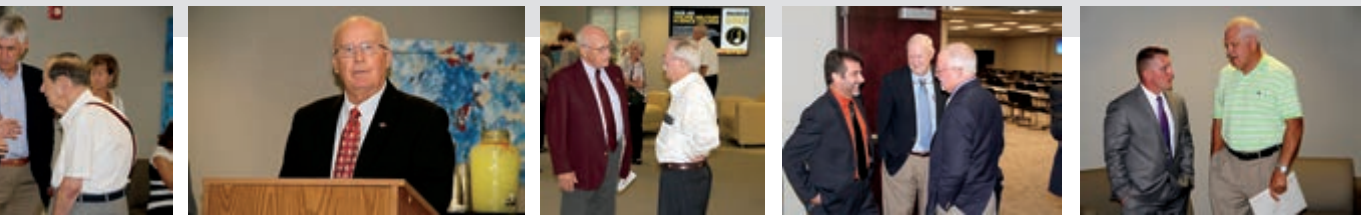


(left to right) Christi Blair, Mr. "Dub" Shoemaker and Tammy Caldwell pose for a photo during the Shoemaker Dedication. Blair and Caldwell teach the practical nursing courses at the Attala Center.



(right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey speaks at the Shoemaker Dedication Ceremony while Mr. "Dub" Shoemaker stands by.





MARL at Holmes

On Oct. 3 and 4, the Mississippi Animal Rescue League (MARL) brought puppies to the Holmes Ridgeland Campus and as a result, three were adopted.



Breanna Moss and Snowflake



Stephanie Wood and Stella

Breanna Moss, a freshman from Yazoo City, adopted a small white mixed breed puppy, only a few months old, whom she named Snowflake.

"I didn't come out here today planning to adopt a pet," Moss said. But I was out here, maybe two seconds, when I saw her and thought, 'I've got to have her!'"

Stephanie Wood, Holmes' graphic designer, adopted Stella, a sweet 1-year-old boxer.

"Our family had been considering adopting a dog since our beloved Boxer, Huey, passed away almost two years ago," Wood said. "When I saw Stella, I knew she would be perfect for us. We were happy to give her a new home, and thankful to MARL for all they do for these sweet fur babies!"



Puppy Love

Two more furry ones gained new owners, as well. A German Shepherd puppy was adopted by an anonymous Holmes student at MARL's shelter following the event, then on Wednesday, a stray kitten that wandered onto campus was brought over to where MARL was set up and adopted soon after. The event, called "Stress Paws-er," was organized by Student Activities Coordinator Amanda Lindsey and the student Ambassadors. It was held to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to take a "paws" in their day and pet some puppies for stress relief.

"I came up with name idea of 'Stress-Paws-er' because it's the one thing we wish we could do during midterms...PAUSE and take a breather," said Ambassador Slade Allgood. "Puppies always make stressful situations better."

"I just love the idea of puppies being able to get adopted, and for them to be able de-stress the students during midterms," said Ambassador Savannah Collins. "It was a fun time and I appreciate MARL for all they did. I cannot wait for us to be able to do it again in the future."

Lindsey said: "Students put a "paws" on stress and some walked away with adoptions! I was literally jumping up and down for every adoption. I urge everyone to please consider adopting!"



Cheatham provides painting used in book cover



Holmes Community College Fine Arts Chair, art instructor and local artist Jay Cheatham recently provided artwork used on the cover of Yazoo City native Robbie Roberts' book titled, "Tales from Yazoo and Beyond."

Roberts' latest book is a collection of stories from his life growing up in and around Mississippi and the Yazoo area. Cheatham said the painting was done from a photograph from the Yazoo Herald in the 1950s. Cheatham attended Roberts' first book signing held in the Rick Memorial Library in Yazoo City on Nov. 8. Roberts will have more book signings and plans to have one on the Goodman Campus of Holmes as well.

"I have known Robbie Roberts for several years and have always been fascinated by his stories and life experiences," Cheatham said. "He started posting short stories from his life on Facebook a few years ago and he realized that he had a very good start on a book. After composing and editing his stories, he sent them to a publisher. Everything happened fairly quickly, with one exception...the book cover.

"A few days before the book was to be sent to print, the publisher rejected Robbie's first choice for an image for the book's cover," he explained. "Robbie contacted me on a Monday and asked if I could produce an image for his book cover by Wednesday. Two days we made it happen!"

A noted portrait artist, Cheatham also works in landscape, still life and en plein air. His sculpture works in stone and metal are exhibited in collections around the South.

IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are (left to right) Jay Cheatham with Robbie Roberts.

Mabus receives TYCAM's Ovid Vickers Award

Grenada Campus English instructor and English, Foreign Language and Speech Department Co-Chair Amber Mabus received the Ovid S. Vickers Award for Excellence in The Teaching of English from the Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi at their annual meeting at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond in late September.

The Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi, TYCAM, is fashioned after and affiliated with TYCA-SE, the Two-Year College English Association-Southeast, which is a part of The National Council of Teachers of English, NCTE. TYCA-SE has 10 states in its region and has been in existence for nearly 45 years.

"Jessica Brown presented the award, and she was asked to describe the recipient," Mabus, a Holmes alumna, explained. "Honestly, I was completely shocked when I realized that Jessica was describing me. I felt incredibly honored to have been nominated for the award. I love my job at Holmes; I look forward to getting up and coming to Holmes every morning, so what I do doesn't feel like work. For me, teaching at Holmes is an enjoyable challenge, which is ideal for me! I love my students and co-workers. It is like a second home to me."



Mabus said her goal in the classroom is to help her students become independent thinkers and writers.

"My classes are never 100 percent lecture, which I think helps students stay engaged. I begin class by introducing a new topic, I show my students several examples and then I give students a small activity to complete.

"For most assignments, I give students the option of working alone or in groups, depending on their personal preference," she said. "After students complete the activity, we discuss the assignment as a class. I do require students to work in groups on some assignments, but I try to assemble groups based on student compatibility and work ethic. In those cases, every student is responsible for a small section of the assignment.

"I try to incorporate short videos and writing topics that are relevant to students today. I never give 'busy work.' Every assignment my students complete in my face-to-face classes has a specific purpose and relates to larger assignments or skills they will use in the work force or when they transfer to a university. I try to make my classes as practical as possible. I realize most of my students are not English majors, so I try to incorporate lessons that will help them succeed after they leave Holmes. I encourage my students to always ask questions, and I insist that I am always happy to help however I can. I try to create an environment where my students can learn without judgement."

"Amber is most deserving of this award," department co-chair Jessica Brown said. "She perfectly embodies the characteristics of an instructor worthy of this award. She is intelligent, innovative, encouraging and enthusiastic. I'm sure the students and staff on the Grenada Campus would all say they have a blessing in Amber Mabus. She has certainly been a blessing to me as a co-chair of our department."

Prior to coming to Holmes full-time in 2015, she taught English at Grenada High School and served as an adjunct instructor at Holmes. Mabus has an associate degree from Holmes, a bachelor's degree from Delta State University and a master's from Delta State University.

SNOW DAYS



Snow in Mississippi is a rare occurrence, so students and staff alike were pleasantly surprised to see it in December and January! On Dec. 8, only the Ridgeland Campus was blanketed in snow for an early "white Christmas," but campuses district-wide were out for snow days Jan. 16-17.





Janet Mullennix and Jennifer Smith built "Ernie," the Holmes Library Snowman Mascot.



Sophomore Carleigh Achee is all smiles for snow and finishing finals!



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The Band leads the parade past the Chapel on the Hill as a part of the 2017 Homecoming festivities.

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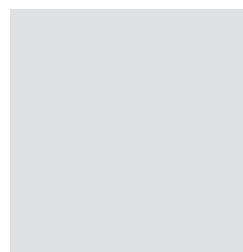
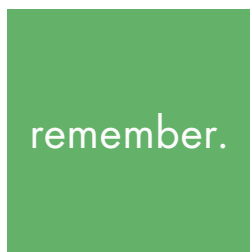
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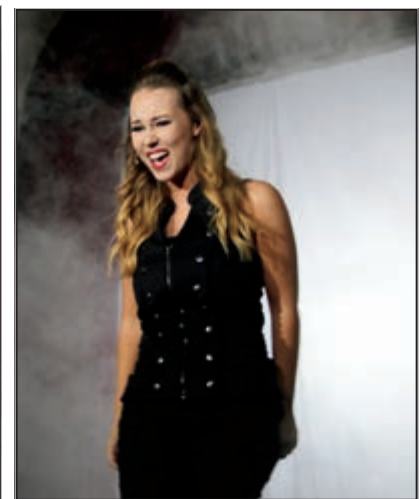


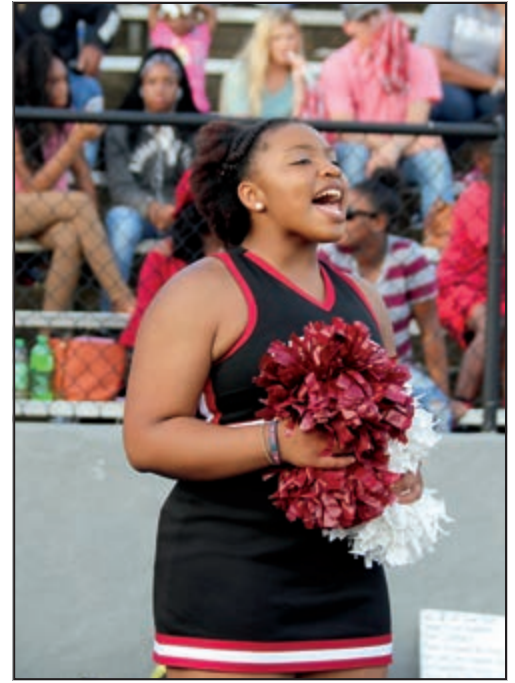
Bulldogs forever Bulldogs young and young at heart "Brought it Back to Holmes" for 2017's homecoming festivities. It was a beautiful day filled with parades, art shows, food and of course - football.

HOMEMECOMING 2017

On Oct. 21, Holmes Community College hosted its annual all-day Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. This year's football game was against Northeast Mississippi Community College and the Bulldogs won, 5-49. The game began with a presentation of the alumni honorees and Hallie Murtagh was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime following the presentation of the Homecoming Court and a performance by the band.

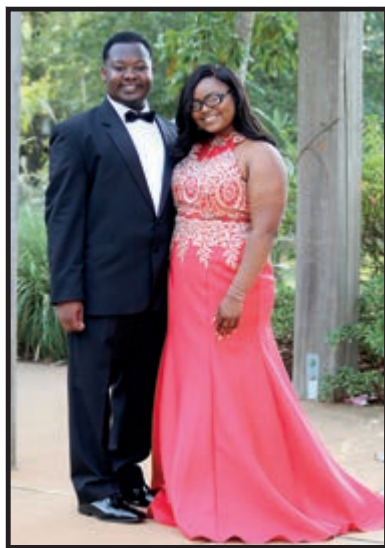
The Homecoming activities for the day began with an alumni reunion brunch for classes 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000 in the library. The softball alumni game followed as well as a gathering for the football class of 1965. The day also included: an inter-squad baseball game, an art department open house and a recognition of the alumni honorees in McDaniel Auditorium. Following the recognition ceremony, the Coachmen and then Connection! performed before everyone ventured out for lunch in the Grove. The Coachmen also gave a quick concert in the Chapel prior to the parade and pep rally. The day was full of fun, fellowship and reunions as everyone cheered on the Bulldogs.







**Goodman Freshman Maid
Alexis Jones and Escort
Nykeem Liddell**



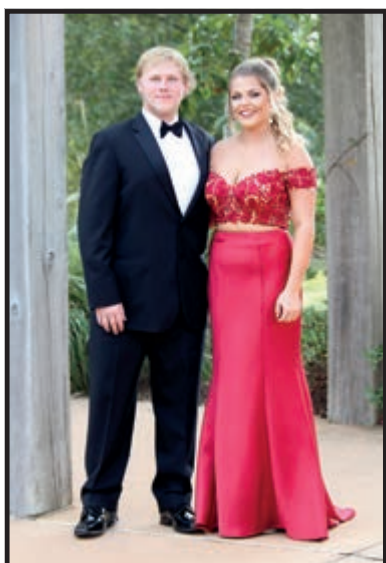
**Goodman Freshman Maid
Miltorria Haymer and
Escort R'Shunti R. Perteet**



**Goodman Sophomore
Maid Juliet Warriner and
Escort Sam Hudson**



**Goodman Sophomore
Maid Shelby Turner and
Escort Miguel Garcia**



**Grenada Freshman Maid
Anna Bradlie Blair and
Escort Luke Womble**



**Grenada Freshman Maid
Macie Craddock and
Escort Aubrey Goss**



**Grenada Sophomore Maid
Danielle Mitchell and
Escort Gabriel Lewis**



**Grenada Sophomore Maid
Sierra Anderson and
Escort Duncan Dees**



**Ridgeland Freshman
Maid Adrianna Watkins
and Escort Slade Allgood**



**Ridgeland Freshman Maid
Bailey Hudson and Escort
Baylee Jones**



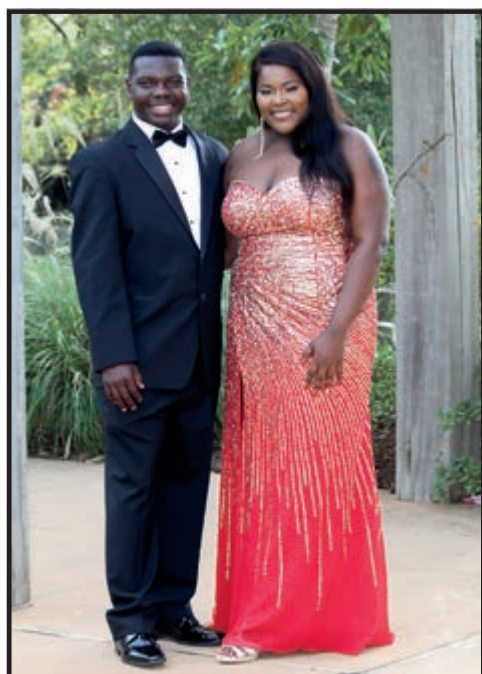
**Ridgeland Sophomore
Maid Johnna Davis and
Escort Hayden Varner**



**Ridgeland Sophomore
Maid Michelle Patton and
Escort Antonia Benson**



2017 Homecoming Queen Hallie Murtagh & Escort Bailey Rutledge



**Goodman Student Body Maid
Deonna Carter and Escort
Jaylon Townsend**



**Grenada Student Body Maid
Ashlee Bennett and Escort Will
Tartt**



**Ridgeland Student Body Maid
Carleigh Achee and Escort
Davis Edwards**

Alumnus of the Year



The Holmes Community College 2017 Alumnus of the Year recipient was Grenada native Albert "Al" Burton Hankins, Jr. (Class of '78).

Al began working for his family's business, Hankins Lumber Co., Inc. in Grenada, right out of school. Following his father Burton's death in 2001, he took over the company as CEO and president. He credits his father for instilling a strong work ethic in his children. His father and uncle, Bewel Hankins, started off as a small business, Hankins Lumber Sales, in 1950. A few years later, they purchased a planer mill in Winona and in 1957, built the planer mill outside of Grenada in the small community of Elliot.

By the '60s, the Hankins brothers added a sawmill and dry kilns to their business, but just a few years later, Bewel passed away. Burton took over sole leadership of the company following his brother's death and continued to run a client-oriented, successful business that offered high-quality products. The company became incorporated in 1972 as Hankins Lumber Co., Inc. and continued to grow, complete with construction of a new planer mill and major renovation of the sawmill in the late '90s. The company now employs 155 workers and manufactures more than 150 million feet of lumber annually. The company also manages southern yellow pine tree farms scattered across the state, producing 120 million board feet per year. Al is also a commissioner for the Mississippi Forestry Commission; a position that entails a six-year term of leadership.

Al's sister Clara is also a Holmes alum, and both of them believe in the impact the school has made on the lumber industry. To show their appreciation, in 2015, the Hankins donated \$75,000 to the Holmes Forestry Technology Program on the Grenada Campus. Al recalls that his father served on the Holmes Board of Trustees years earlier and contributed quite a bit to the school.

"Many of our employees at Hankins Lumber, including myself, have attended some of the evening programs offered at the college," Al said. "Holmes helped me so much and I can see how it helps the younger people as well; especially our future foresters. We want to invest in our industry's future, and we appreciate how Holmes prepares their students for the workforce."

Al and his wife, Jewel Mooney Hankins, have two children: Mandy McCormick, 39, and Amber Lee, 33. The Hankins also have two grandchildren: Stephanie Davis, 18, and Ashlyn Lee, 13.

IN THIS PHOTO: Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents Al Hankins with the Alumnus of the Year award.

Distinguished Service Award



The The Holmes Community College 2017 Distinguished Service Award recipient was Edward Hayes Branscome of Grenada.

A lifelong resident of Grenada, he was elected to serve on the Grenada Bank Board as a director in 1982. When it became Grenada Sunburst Bank, he served in several roles during his tenure. When Grenada Sunburst merged with Union Planters, Branscome served as a member of the board for the Grenada Region until 1997.

When James "Jimmy" Robertson passed away in 2012, Branscome became a trustee of Robertson's Trust.

Robertson was a veteran banking executive from Grenada for over 45 years.

"Jimmy was a dedicated supporter of the Grenada community and instructed me to use a large portion of his remaining estate to help Holmes Community College," Branscome said.

On Sept. 15, 2014, the bank provided \$205,600 through the sale of 20,000 shares of Regions Bank stock in order to establish the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program at Holmes. On April 22, 2015, the bank donated \$100,000 to establish scholarships for the program and an additional \$75,000 on Sept. 27, 2016, bringing donations to a total of \$380,600 from Robertson's Trust.

Branscome earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Mississippi State University upon graduating from John Rundle High School. A class of '60 alumnus, he served as a member of the MSU Alumni Board from 1993-2015. He is also a member of the Grenada Rotary Club, past director of the Grenada County Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of Grace Baptist Church.

Branscome and his wife, Martha Faye, have two children: Beth McGaugh, CFO of Pinnacle Trust in Madison, and Brad Branscome, president of Guaranty Bank and Trust in Grenada. The Branscomes also have three grandchildren: Jonathan and Elizabeth Stevens, and Josh Branscome.

IN THIS PHOTO: Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey presents Edward Hayes Branscome with the 2017 Distinguished Service Award during the Honoree Recognition Ceremony in McDaniel Auditorium on Homecoming Day.

Young Alumnus of the Year



"Xan was great for us: a great baseball player, a great student and an awesome ambassador for the school," said Holmes Baseball Coach Kenny Dupont. "I really enjoyed coaching him and I'm happy to see him receive this award."

A native of Madison, Barksdale played for the Bulldogs in the 2001 and 2002 seasons, where he was a two-time All-State selection and All-Region XXIII after the 2002 season. Outside of baseball, he majored in engineering and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. After earned his associate degree at Holmes, he played two seasons at the University of Mississippi while pursuing his bachelor's in business administration. Barksdale helped the

team host their first regional in 2004 and was named "Most Dedicated Player." After his playing days at Ole Miss, he spent time with the Atlanta Braves organization. Barksdale signed a free agent contract with the Braves in July of 2004 and competed for the Braves minor league affiliates in the Gulf Coast (GCL Braves), South Atlantic (Rome) and Carolina Leagues (Myrtle Beach). In 2007, he retired from professional baseball to accept the position as assistant coach the University of Louisville. While there, they won the College World Series and were Big East Champions for three consecutive years.

Barksdale also served as a recruiting coordinator/assistant coach for East Tennessee State University and a USA Baseball Catching Coordinator. In 2013, Barksdale saw ETSU win its first Atlantic Sun Conference Championship, while making the ETSU Buccaneer's first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1981. They won 36 games in 2013, which were the third-most victories in program history.

In 2008, he started Xan Barksdale Baseball, LLC, which is an online-based business offering baseball-related products, software, books and information. He is now fully focused on his position as CCO (Chief Catching Officer) of his company. Barksdale's first book, "Catching-101: The Complete Guide for Baseball Catchers," is an Amazon best seller, and some of the products he has invented include a protective thumb device for catchers, a pitch recognition software for baseball, a catcher's performance summary iPhone app, a wristband sign system for baseball and softball and CatcherCON, a baseball convention specifically for catchers and catching coaches.

As a result of his numerous accomplishments, he was inducted into the prestigious Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame in April of 2013. Three years later, Barksdale returned to his alma mater to talk about his book and video series "Catching 101" with the 2016 Holmes baseball team.

Veteran of the Year



Cpl. Foster served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II in the Southwest Pacific islands of Peleliu and Okinawa. During the Okinawa campaign, which was the last and largest of the battles, he was wounded in combat by a sniper and medically discharged. It was just a few short years later that he enrolled in Holmes.

While at Holmes Junior College, as it was called in the '40s, Cpl. Foster was an active member of the College Agriculture Club. His experience at Holmes served him well as he continued his studies at Mississippi State University, earning a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's in education. After teaching agriculture for nine years,

then serving as a teacher and basketball coach for 10 years in Leake and Attala counties, Cpl. Foster took on the role of principal for McAdams High School for eight years. Following his position at McAdams he was voted as Superintendent of Education; a position he held for 16 years in Attala County before retiring in 1987.

Always proud of serving his country, Cpl. Foster was a longtime member of the American Legion, a state commander and local DAV (Disabled American Veterans) commander for five years. He has also been a member of VFW Post #1983 since 1947 and member of DAV since 1968. Cpl. Foster has also been a part of the Military Order of the Purple Heart since 1990, and served on the Mississippi State Veteran Affairs Board as chairman from 1992-2000. He was even an instrumental part of getting the Martha Jo Leslie State Veterans Home built in Kosciusko.

One of Cpl. Foster's most admirable accomplishment was founding the Aisle of Honor Program. Each Memorial and Veteran's Day, this program honors those who died serving this country by lining the cemetery with over 700 flags during the programs.

In 2015, Cpl. Foster received the American Legion Blue Cap Award for distinguished service to the community and country. In addition to being active in veteran activities, he is also a Mason (Masonry is the oldest fraternity in the world), a member of Shriners International (a spin-off from Freemasonry) and a longtime elder of the Thomastown Christian Church.

Cpl. Foster and his late wife, Edna Earl Foster, who he was married to for 63 years, have two children: Jamie Foster, 66, and Tommy Foster, 70. He also has seven grandchildren: Cherri Hunt, Barry Foster, Chase Foster, Dylan Foster, Anna Foster, Abby Talkington and Arin Foster.



Be the
light...

Phi Theta Kappa induction is one of the many honor ceremonies in which students can participate. Whether it's Hall of Fame or nurses pinning, Holmes students strive to be the best they can be.

student

HONORS

be proud.

achieve.

dream.

respect.

growth.

So much to be proud of.

Holmes' best students are recognized in many ways. Honor societies, scholarships and competitions are just a few. Thanks for always giving it your best, Bulldogs!

Mr. & Miss



Mr. and Miss Holmes Grenada
Will Tartt & Ashlee Bennett

Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Davis Edwards of Brandon and Melanie Owah of Ridgeland.

Edwards, son of Chuck and Shelly Edwards, is a graduate of Park Place Christian Academy. He is a SGA representative and an Ambassador. Edwards attends First Baptist Church of Fannin, and outside of Holmes, runs a mobile petting zoo business called Dave's Party Pals.

Edwards is a communications major and is considering attending Mississippi State University and majoring in public relations.

Owah, daughter of Emmanuel and Doris Owah, was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and moved to the U.S. when she was six years old. She's an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, SGA secretary, chemistry lab assistant and Social Science Club member. She also participates in the Christian organization Focus Factor.

Owah is a member of First Baptist Church of Jackson where she works at the pre-school nursery three times a week. She also volunteers for Sta-Home Hospice Care Services. Her hobbies include Bible journaling, shopping, reading and running.

Owah plans to transfer to Tougaloo College and major in biology. Her long-term goal is to attend Meharry Medical College, located in Nashville, Tennessee, and become an obstetrician gynecologist or pediatrician.

Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Will Tartt of Grenada and Ashlee Bennett of Kilmichael.

Tartt, son of Keith and Sharon Tartt, is a sophomore criminal justice major and graduate of Kirk Academy. He is a member of the Baptist Student Union, serves as treasurer for Student Government Association and also serves as an Ambassador. Tartt enjoys working with his volunteer fire department, hanging out with friends and helping with community projects. He was voted Class Favorite as a freshman and served as an escort for Ashlee Bennett on the Homecoming Court in 2016 and 2017.

Bennett, daughter of Felicia Woods, is a sophomore biological sciences major. She is a graduate of Winona Christian School and her activities at Holmes include Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Grenada Student Body Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa president, Baptist Student Union member and Writing Center tutor. Bennett also tutors outside of Holmes, serves as a Get2College intern and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with recreational and learning skills. She is a member of Kilmichael Baptist Church.



Mr. and Miss Holmes Ridgeland
Davis Edwards & Melanie Owah

Holmes 2018



Mr. and Miss Holmes Goodman Miguel Garcia & Liz Howell

Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Goodman Campus are Elizabeth Howell and Miguel Garcia, both of Kosciusko.

Garcia, son of Jose Luis Garcia and Hermelinda Garcia, is a graduate of Kosciusko High School. He is president of Student Government Association, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a member of Holmes Plus and attends Chapel on the Hill weekly. Outside of Holmes activities, he enjoys reading and exploring fossil creeks. Garcia has been on the President's List for two semesters at Holmes and is currently in the Honors Psychology class. Upon graduation, he plans on going to Mississippi State University and majoring in kinesiology. His ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist.

Howell, daughter of Michael and Sarah Howell, was homeschooled from the fourth through 12th grade. She is president of the Gaming Club, editor of the Grawl newspaper, Phi Theta Kappa Hallmark Editing Chair, a MOSAIC member, a bookstore employee, a Baptist Student Union member, head tutor for the Writing Center and a member of the Honors Psychology class. In 2017, she won first place in the poetry category and third place in the creative nonfiction category for the Goodman Campus Literary Competition, and in 2018, won first in the literary essay category and first in the drama category.

Howell also teaches Sunday school (ages (3-11) at Zama Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoys writing, drawing and playing video games. After Holmes, she'll most likely attend Delta State University to pursue a B.A. in English. Howell plans to get certified to teach while working on her degree and hopes to eventually obtain an MFA in creative writing and a PhD in American Literature.



Buck Slade Allgood of Carthage is a pre-med major with a 4.0 GPA. The son of Stacy and Michael Wooten and Jimmy and Diane Allgood, Allgood's honors include: 2018 HEADWAE recipient, Phi Theta Kappa All-Academic Team, Homecoming Court escort and Sophomore Class Favorite. A member of Phi Theta Kappa since his freshman year, he is now president. Allgood is also an Ambassador, peer chemistry tutor, chemistry lab assistant and Writing Center tutor. His freshman year, he served as a peer biology tutor, Natural Science lab volunteer and a member of the Social Science Club. He has also served as a Madison County Youth Leadership College Mentor and gone on a mission trip to Honduras. Allgood plans to transfer to Mississippi College to earn his bachelor's in biology with a minor in chemistry. His career ambition is to become a trauma surgeon.



Caroline Elise Bennett of Flora is a business administration major with a 4.0 GPA. The daughter of Bruce and Robbie Bennett, she has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa and on the President's List both years at Holmes. Bennett has served as a speaker and leader at the church, as a caretaker for three children and worked as a receptionist for Salon 11. She will be attending Mississippi College in the fall of 2018 where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in business entrepreneurship, which is a brand new major for MC.



Margaret Kate Bloodworth of Flowood is a pre-nursing major with a 3.32 GPA. The daughter of Jim and Cara Bloodworth, she is Student Government Association treasurer, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, on the President's List and employed as a real estate intern and as a standardized patient at University of Mississippi Medical Center for the second year in a row. Bloodworth served as a SGA freshmen representative her first year at Holmes, as well as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She also served as a caretaker for a child with Down Syndrome. After Holmes, she plans to attend nursing school and graduate with her associate degree in nursing. She then plans to do a bridge program at Mississippi College to get her Bachelor of Science in Nursing then apply to UMMC to work in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) or the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Bloodworth also plans to work as a travel nurse to be able to see other states and gain more experience. She would like to work for two years in the PICU or NICU then return to school at South Alabama to earn a neonatal nurse practitioner degree.

Hall of Fame

Johnna Lynne Davis of Flora is a social work major with a 3.94 GPA. The daughter of Tim and Lisa Davis, she has been an SGA representative, an Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and chosen as a Class Favorite both years at Holmes. As a sophomore, she was also elected to the Homecoming Court, chosen for the Phi Theta Kappa All-Academic Team and chosen for the Get2College scholarship/internship program. Davis is a member of First Baptist Church Flora where she assists with youth/children's ministry. She will serve as an FCA Camp Huddle leader at Belhaven University and also go to Cuba to work in an orphanage during the summer of 2018. As a freshman, she worked at Madison OB/GYN Associates and babysat. After Holmes, she'll attend Mississippi State University to earn her bachelor's in social work before applying to Mississippi College's master's program in social work. Her goal is to one day open her own orphanage and maybe become a counselor for a high school. Davis notes that whatever she ends up doing, she hopes to be able to help kids.



Sarah Diane Donahoo of Sylacauga, Alabama, is a pre-veterinary major with a 3.55 GPA. The daughter of Ben and Jennifer Donahoo, she is Phi Theta Kappa vice president of outreach, an SGA volunteer and plays forward for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. The team won back-to-back North Division Championships and placed as semi-finalists for NJCAA Regionals. Outside of Holmes, she coaches at Brandon Futbol Club Tots and has volunteered with Webster Animal Shelter. Upon graduation from Holmes, Donahoo plans to attend Southern Union Community College in Auburn, Alabama, during the summer of 2018 to finish up a few prerequisite courses while she job shadows at various vet clinics in the area. In the fall of 2018, she will attend Auburn University as an animal science (pre-vet) major and then apply for Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine upon finishing her bachelor's. Her ultimate goal is to open her own veterinarian clinic in a small community.



Davis Charles Edwards of Brandon is a communications major with a 3.38 GPA. The son of Chuck and Shelly Edwards, he is Mr. Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus, an Ambassador and a Dean's List scholar. During his freshman year, he started a business called Dave's Party Pals, which involves taking his mobile petting zoo to birthday parties and big events. He has been successful with his business thus far and continues to bring his animals to various events. After graduating from Holmes, he is transferring to Mississippi State University to complete his degree in marketing and communications.





Travis Cole Jones of Brandon is a computer science major with a 3.28 GPA. The son of Matt and Tawni Basden, he is a Student Government Association (SGA) representative, an Ambassador, a member of Holmes Allied Video Online Club (HAVOC), a President's List scholar and was voted as a Sophomore Class Favorite. Outside of Holmes, he works at McAlister's Deli and is an active member of Oakdale Baptist Church where he serves as a sound assistant. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi and earn a bachelor's degree in computer science with an emphasis in cyber security.



Melanie Owah of Ridgeland is a pre-med major with a 3.56 GPA. The daughter of Emmanuel and Doris Owah, she was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and moved to the United States when she was six years old. Owah is Miss Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus, a President's List scholar, an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, SGA secretary, chemistry lab assistant and Social Science Club member. She also participates in the campus Christian organization Focus Factor. As a freshman, Owah was an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, SGA representative, Freshman Class Favorite and Dean's List scholar. Outside of Holmes, she works for First Baptist Church of Jackson's daycare and volunteers for Sta-Home Hospice Care Services. She is undecided where she will transfer after Holmes, but she knows she will major in biology and minor in chemistry. Her dream is to one day attend Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and become obstetrician gynecologist or pediatrician.



Donovan Brantley Parkerson of Madison is an audio engineering and business administration major with a 3.50 GPA. The son of Jamie Parkerson and Nichole Windham, he has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa both years at Holmes. He is employed with Barnes and Nobles, where he works in the music department, and enjoys wakeboarding, playing music, attending concerts and hunting. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to continue his studies in audio engineering at the University of Southern Mississippi. After that, he is hoping to find a job working in a music studio on soundboards or mixing and mastering music. Parkerson is planning to earn his business degree, as well.

Hall of Fame

Anna Claire Stewart of Madison is a pre-nursing major with a 3.75 GPA. The daughter of Scott and Laura Leslie Stewart, she plays forward for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. The team won back-to-back North Division Championships and placed as semi-finalists for NJCAA Regionals. Stewart has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and on the President's List both years at Holmes. She also works with the Brandon Futbol Club youth program and has volunteered for the City of Ridgeland Easter Egg Hunt. Stewart will begin the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Holmes in the fall of 2018.



Lydia Ruth Thompson of Madison is a pre-occupational therapy major with a 3.63 GPA. The daughter of Brad and Tammy Thompson, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as a peer tutor for Intermediate Algebra. In the community, she is a Book Buddy at Johnson Elementary School, a full-time babysitter, part of a church plant team and will be an intern at a church in Tupelo during the 2018 summer. During her freshman year, she spent the summer living in Leogane, Haiti, as an intern where she shadowed and worked alongside physical therapists and occupational therapists all summer. She helped get Focus Factor Bible study started again at Holmes and has helped with the leadership of the organization. After Holmes, she is transferring to the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall of 2018 with plans to major in public health and administration. Once she obtains her bachelor's degree, she plans on going to occupational therapy school at University of Mississippi Medical Center.



Courtney Paige Turner of Ridgeland is a radiological services major with a 3.53 GPA. The daughter of Tate Turner, she is a member of the back-to-back North Division Championship-winning Lady Bulldogs soccer team, where she played forward. The team also placed as semi-finalists for NJCAA Regionals. Turner has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa and on the Dean's List both her freshman and sophomore year. After graduating from Holmes, she plans on attending radiological sciences school, hopefully at University of Mississippi Medical Center. From there, she will pursue her education to become a MRI technologist.





Blake Stewart Bell of Lexington is a biological science major with a 4.0 GPA. The son of Lea and the late Bobby Bell, he is an Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a member of Baptist Student Union and a manager/mat boy for the cheerleading squad for the second year in a row. He is also a Student Government Association representative, a MOSAIC tutor and a recipient of the Lily Fran McCrory Foundation Scholarship. Bell has been a President's List scholar and on the Dean's Scholarship both years at Holmes, and also shadowed at a local dentist office in Lexington both years of college. In the community, he has volunteered at the Veterans Affairs (VA) in Kosciusko and participated in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Upon graduation from Holmes, Bell plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue a career in dentistry.

Ethan Shane Burton of Goodman is a graphic design major with a 3.94 GPA. Burton, the son of Stephanie and Steve Diffey and Shane and Vonda Burton, is an officer for Phi Theta Kappa and was chosen for the 2018 All-Academic Team. He is a columnist/cartoonist for The Growl student newspaper and HCC Grid blog; a President's List scholar; a member of BSU; a member of the Gaming Club and a student worker for the campus library. As a freshman, he displayed personal artwork at the Natchez Trace Festival with the Holmes Visual Arts Department and sold his first drawing. As a sophomore, he won first place in the Short Story Category of the Creative Writing Contest and first place in the Homecoming Banner Contest as one of the four primary artists from the Fine Arts Department. Burton also won awards for his cartoons at the Mississippi Press Association conference in 2017 and 2018. After Holmes, he will transfer to Delta State University to pursue a B.F.A. degree in graphic design.



Kameron Rose Edwards of Phoenix is a biochemistry major with a 3.95 GPA. The daughter of Luke and Natalie Edwards, she has been an Ambassador, Holmes Plus member, Phi Theta Kappa member and workshop/Bible study leader with Ebenezer Baptist Church for the past two years. Edwards is also a member of MOSAIC and served as a volunteer at the Yazoo City Vet Clinic her freshman year. As a sophomore, she served as a work-study student for the Biology Department in the fall and for the Chemistry Department in the spring. Upon graduation from Holmes, Edwards plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Hall of Fame

Miguel Luis Garcia of Kosciusko is a bioengineering major with a 3.94 GPA. The son of Jose Luis Garcia and Hermelinda Garcia, he is Mr. Holmes Community College for the Goodman Campus. Garcia is also president of Student Government Association; a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society; a member of Holmes Plus; a MOSAIC tutor and attends Chapel on the Hill weekly. He has also served as a Homecoming Court escort and an escort for the Beauty Review contestants. Outside of Holmes activities, he enjoys reading and exploring fossil creeks. Garcia has been on the President's List for two years at Holmes and is in the Honors Psychology class. Upon graduation, he plans on going to Mississippi State University and majoring in kinesiology. His ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist.



Hallie McKinley Westbrook of Pickens is double majoring in architecture and accounting while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. The daughter of Rolan and Dawn Westbrook, she is a President's List scholar and an active member of SkillsUSA and the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. As a freshman, she was president of SkillsUSA and her team won gold medals at the state competition and bronze at nationals in the Opening and Closing Ceremony category. Her first year at Holmes, she was also vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, a student worker for the Office of Financial Aid, a student worker in the concession stand and the recipient of the Architectural Engineering Technology Award. As a sophomore, she worked on the Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action and College Project, which involved successfully designing, planning and implementing a Civics Forum on campus. Westbrook served as liaison for the makerspace project portion of their Phi Theta Kappa College Project and was part of the writing and editing committee for the academic paper portion of both projects. Additionally, she was the leading designer and drafter for a therapeutic/rehabilitation garden plan for the Choctaw County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. After Holmes, Westbrook plans to continue her studies in accounting at either Mississippi State University or Delta State University.





Ashlee Jordan Bennett of Kilmichael is a biological science major with a 3.87 GPA. The daughter of Felicia Woods, her honors and activities at Holmes include: Miss Holmes Community College for the Grenada Campus, Grenada Student Body Homecoming Maid, Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, SGA president, Phi Theta Kappa president, BSU student leader and Writing Center tutor. Bennett was also named part of the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team. Additionally, she tutors outside of Holmes, serves as a Get2College intern and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with recreational and learning skills. She is also a member of Kilmichael Baptist Church. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to pursue her bachelor's degree and master's at Mississippi State University.



Sierra Tunesha Anderson of Grenada is a liberal arts major with a 3.18 GPA. The daughter of Dr. Eddie and Mrs. Cerita Anderson, she is vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, an Ambassador, an honorary Student Government Association member, a Baptist Student Union member, a Sophomore Homecoming Maid, a Sophomore Class Favorite and a Dean's List scholar. As for community involvement, she worked with Campus Clean-Up Day, volunteered at a food pantry, judged a reading fair for the Grenada School District and volunteered with CLASS Acts – Community organization when completing Youth and Unity Summit (2016) and Health Summit (2017). Anderson also serves as director of the youth choir and member of adult choir for Battle Temple Church. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Delta State University and major in speech pathology. She wants to work with children and adults to improve their speech.



Emma Kate Gibson of Gore Springs is a healthcare administration major with a 3.81 GPA. The daughter of Mike and Kathy Gibson, she has been a President's List scholar for two years. She is vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa, an SGA volunteer member, a Sophomore Class Favorite and works with eLearning as a work-study student. As a freshman, she was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Baptist Student Union. Her community involvement includes participating in Campus Clean-Up Day and FAFSA Day and volunteering for the after-school program at her church called The Way. After Holmes, she plans to attend Delta State University and pursue a degree in healthcare administration.

Hall of Fame

Sarah Elizabeth Leflore of Greenwood is a nursing major with a 4.0 GPA. The daughter of Stan and Jan Leflore, she has been on the President's List all three semesters that she has attended Holmes, serves as Phi Theta Kappa vice president of scholarships and was named part of the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team. Leflore is also part of SGA and BSU. Her community involvement includes: participating in FAFSA Day, participating in Campus Clean-Up and leading a group for Immaculate Heart of Mary's Annual Canned Food Drive in Greenwood. She also put together a service project at Immanuel Baptist Church to make and deliver care packages to nurses and patients at the local hospitals and nursing homes. After Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi University for Women to pursue her Bachelor of Science.



Danielle Mariama Mitchell of Grenada is a nursing major with a 3.51 GPA. The daughter of Danny and Sarah Mitchell, she has been an Ambassador, a Class Favorite and on the Homecoming Court both years at Holmes. As a freshman, she served as SGA treasurer and was on the Dean's List. As a sophomore, she is SGA vice president, on the President's List and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, she is a praise dancer at Abundant Life Assembly Church. Upon graduating Holmes, she plans to attend Delta State University to pursue her dream of working in the medical field; possibly as a nurse, but maybe as a nutritionist. After earning her bachelor's degree, Mitchell plans to work for two to three years before going back for her master's. She says that once she earns her master's, she will work until retirement age then start teaching at a college in her desired field.



Ridgeland Who's Who



Bailey Hudson
Freshman Favorite



Vandrey Jones
Sophomore Favorite



Kalyn Robinson
Freshman Favorite



Carleigh Achee
Sophomore Favorite



Slade Allgood
Sophomore Favorite



Savannah Collins
Sophomore Favorite



Johnna Davis
Sophomore Favorite



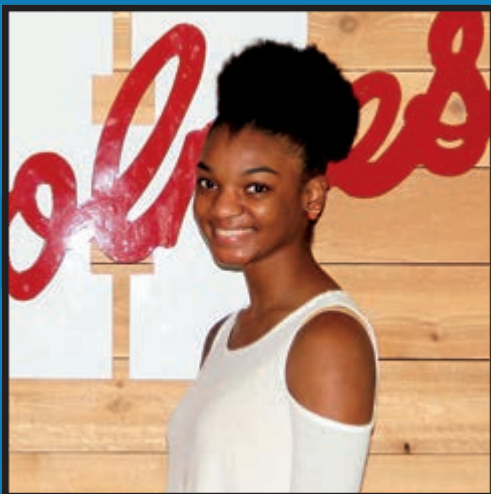
Jazmine Haley
Sophomore Favorite



Travis Jones
Sophomore Favorite



Laura Ann Kelley
Sophomore Favorite



Destiny Luckett
Sophomore Favorite



Michelle Patton
Sophomore Favorite



Jesse Qualls
Sophomore Favorite



Adrianna Watkins
Sophomore Favorite



Goodman Who's Who



Josie Harris
Freshman Favorite



Emily Martin
Freshman Favorite



Loftin Price
Freshman Favorite



Brendon Quon
Freshman Favorite



Albertina Veasley
Freshman Favorite



Lamar Land
Sophomore Favorite



Whitney Matthews
Sophomore Favorite



Charleigh McPhail
Sophomore Favorite



Hallie Murtagh
Sophomore Favorite



Grenada Who's Who



Alexis Brown
Freshman Favorite



Gregory Clark
Freshman Favorite



Macie Craddock
Freshman Favorite



Courtney Dees
Freshman Favorite



Anna Marie Gray
Freshman Favorite



Kendall Preston
Freshman Favorite



Sierra Anderson
Sophomore Favorite



Jeremy Brown
Sophomore Favorite



Emma Kate Gibson
Sophomore Favorite



Sarah Leflore
Sophomore Favorite



Danielle Mitchell
Sophomore Favorite



Kaylan Ware
Sophomore Favorite



2018 PTK All-MS

Each year, every two-year college in the state may nominate up to two students per campus to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Five Holmes Community College students were named to the Phi Theta Kappa 2017-2018 All-Mississippi Academic Teams. These students were honored at the Annual Recognition Luncheon held at the Mississippi State Capitol and the Jackson Convention Center on March 28, 2018.



Slade Allgood of Carthage is studying pre-med on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. He is an Ambassador, president of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of Focus Factor, a Christian organization on campus. Allgood was also a member of the 2017 Homecoming Court, serving as an escort for Freshman Maid Adrianna Watkins of Madison. Upon graduation from Holmes, Allgood plans to transfer to Mississippi College where he will major in biology, with a focus on medical sciences, and minor in chemistry. After MC, he plans to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a trauma surgeon.



Ashlee Bennett of Grenada is a sophomore biological sciences major on the Holmes Grenada Campus. She is a graduate of Winona Christian School and her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Grenada Student Body Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa president, Baptist Student Union member and Writing Center tutor. Bennett also tutors outside of Holmes, serves as a Get2College intern and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with recreational and learning skills. She is a member of Kilmichael Baptist Church.

Academic Team

Ethan Burton of Goodman is a graphic design major on the Holmes Goodman Campus. He plans to attend Delta State University upon finishing his degree at Holmes, and his career goal is to become a creative director. On campus, he is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Grawl newspaper staff. In 2017, Burton placed in the Mississippi Press Association Competition for his editorial cartoon. Burton has also received the Star Student Award.



Johnna Davis of Flora is a sophomore social work major on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. A graduate of Tri-County Academy, her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Homecoming Maid, Sophomore Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association sophomore representative and Phi Theta Kapa vice president of outreach. Davis is also a member of First Baptist Church of Flora and plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall of 2018.

Sarah Leflore of Greenwood is a pre-nursing major on the Holmes Grenada Campus. She is a member of the Baptist Student Union and serves as Student Government Association sophomore representative and Phi Theta Kappa vice president of scholarships. Her honors include: Residential Life Honors and President's List scholar. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi University for Women and pursue her BSN degree. Her ultimate career goal is to become a nurse practitioner at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.



Phi Theta Kappa shines at Nationals 2017

Sixteen students and advisers from Holmes Community College attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, April 6-8, and came back with some prestigious awards. The theme was "Catalyst 2017: Transform your Chapter, Transform Yourself."

The Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Goodman Campus won a Theme Award for their Honors in Action Hallmark during the Awards Gala. The chapter placed in the Top 100 Chapters Internationally, as well. Representing the Kappa Alpha Chapter were advisers Will Alexander and Jason Kelly and officers Jonathan Boles, Brittany Farrell, Nicole Moffett, Lane Spell and Griffin Turner.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter from the Ridgeland Campus was named a Five Star Chapter, received REACH Rewards, won Regional Runner-up for Theme 2 and 10th place for their Distinguished College Project. Attending from the Alpha Lambda Sigma Ridgeland Campus was adviser Blair Booker and officers Payton Earley, Anna Mullins and Jaci Murphy. Attending from the Grenada Alpha Mu Beta Chapter was adviser Amber Harrison Mabus and officers Emily Lamkin, Kaitlyn Legge, Taylor Vance and Hannah Waters.

Guest speakers at the conference included: Jason Silva, Dr. Jennifer Arnold, Platon, Andrew Porter and Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. Silva is the Emmy-nominated host of National Geographic Channel's series, "Brain Games." Dr. Arnold is a neonatologist at Baylor College of Medicine, Medical Director of the Simulation Center at Texas Children's Hospital and on the TV series "The Little Couple." Photos by international award-winning photographer Platon have appeared inside the pages and on the covers of Rolling Stone, The New York Times magazine, Vanity Fair, Esquire, GQ and Time magazine. Porter was the 2017 Phi Theta Kappa international president and Dr. Tincher-Ladner is Phi Theta Kappa's president and CEO.

(middle photo) Pictured are (left to right) Adviser Blair Booker, Jaci Murphy, Payton Earley and Anna Mullins.

(bottom photo) Pictured are (left to right) Emily Lampkin, Adviser Amber Mabus, Taylor Vance, Hannah Waters and Kaitlyn Legge.



Pictured are the Kappa Alpha Chapter advisers and officers at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Nashville included (left to right) Jason Kelly, Griffin Turner, Lane Spell, Nicole Moffett, Brittany Farrell, Rachel Smith, Jonathan Boles and Will Alexander.



Phi Theta Kappa fares well at Regionals 2018



Pictured are (front, row left to right) Johnna Davis, Mackenzie Danaher, (second row, left to right) advisor Blair Booker Lydia Allen, Sarah Donahoo, (back row, left to right) Slade Allgood and Erin Renfroe.



Pictured are (front, row left to right) Sierra Anderson, Emily "Kayti" Caldwell, Emma Gibson, (back row, left to right) Sarah Leflore and Ashlee Bennett.



Each of the Holmes Phi Theta Kappa chapters fared well at the 2018 Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Convention and Spring Awards Gala held March 2-3 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter from the Rideland Campus won: Most Distinguished Chapter MSLA Region; Most Improved Chapter; Five Star Chapter; first runner-up for College Projects; first runner-up for Distinguished Theme Award for Honors in Action Theme 6; second runner-up for Distinguished Chapter Officer Team; second runner-up for Newsletter and fourth runner-up for Honors in Action. In addition, Lydia Allen was presented with the Order of the Golden Key and Slade Allgood and Johnna Davis were recognized as being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Goodman Campus received a Five Star Chapter award and Adviser Emeritus Billy Wilson received the Lifetime Engagement Award. In fact, to honor him, the MSLA Region renamed the award the Billy Wilson Lifetime Engagement Award. Goodman Campus student Hallie Westbrook received the Order of the Golden Key Award and Ethan Burton was recognized as being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. Additionally, Jason Kelly and Will Alexander each received the Horizon Award for advisers and Alexander received the Mountain Climber Perseverance Award, as well.

The Alpha Mu Beta Chapter from the Grenada Campus received the Five Star Chapter award and first runner-up for Distinguished Theme Award for Honors in Action, Theme 2. In addition, Emma Kate Gibson received the Order of the Golden Key Award, Sarah Leflore and Ashlee Bennett were recognized as being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team and Bennett was recognized as being a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar semifinalist.

(left) Pictured are (left to right) Ethan Burton, Lamar Land, Jonathan Boles, Chris Kall, Hallie Westbrook and Adviser Emeritus Billy Wilson.

SkillsUSA places third at Nationals



The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus SkillsUSA Opening and Closing Team won third place in the National SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 23. The team included Jenna Cummings, Kevin Lockett, Lauren Martin, David Orduna, Ann Pohlig, Lakesha Rand and Hallie Westbrook.

"We are very proud of the work the students from the various Career-Technical Education programs put into the competition," said Will Alexander, an engineering instructor and Goodman Campus SkillsUSA adviser. "The poise these young men and women portrayed was incredible under such strenuous conditions during their national competition. Holmes Community College was well represented by our Goodman representatives."

This was the 53rd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), and included a showcase of career and technical education students from across the United States.

More than 6,000 students from every state competed in the national competition, according to a release from SkillsUSA. It is

the largest skill competition in the world, with more than 100 hands-on competitions that include robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking.

The team advanced to nationals after placing first in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies category at the state competition held by the Mississippi Department of Education at the Jackson Convention Center Feb. 28 - March 1.

Grenada Literary Contest



IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are the Grenada Campus Literary Contest winners. They are (left to right) **Madison Brewer, Emily "Kayti" Caldwell and Ben Wilkes.** Not pictured: **Luke Dubois, Sara Goss, Ashley Hatch, M. Kennedy, Hannah Ritchie and Shunta Rivers.**

Each year, the Grenada Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes's Creative Writing Journal, *Reflections*.

The Short Fiction Category winners were as follows: first place, "White Trash Superstar" by Luke Dubois; second place, "Sidewalk" by Madison Brewer, and third place, "The Nectar of Life" by Hannah Ritchie. In the Creative Nonfiction Category, first place went to "The Good People" by Shunta Rivers and second place to "The Nameless Game" by M. Kennedy.

For Literary Essay, Ashley Hatch won first place for "Fire and Desire in Ibsen's Hedda Gabler" and Sara Goss won second for "Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler: Three Women, One Problem." In the Poetry Category, Brewer won first place for "Forgiveness," "Storm" and "Just My Luck." Emily Caldwell placed second for "Picasso" and "Please Don't Tell Me," and Ben Wilkes won third for "The Rope." Ritchie also received an Honorable Mention for "Butterfly Forest."

Finally, Wilkes won first place in the Drama Category for "The Two Paths."

Goodman Creative Writing Contest



IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are the Goodman Campus Creative Writing Contest winners. They are (front row, left to right) Kiya Alvarado, Liz Howell, (back row, left to right) Chris Kalil, Abigail Proctor and Ethan Burton. Not pictured: Chandra Butler and Destiny Sullivan.

Each year, the Goodman Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and Second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes's Creative Writing Journal, Reflections.

For 2018, in the Poetry Category, first place went to Abigail Proctor of Ethel for "Crazy Horse;" second place went to Kiya Alvarado of Greenwood for "Family" and third to Chris Kalil of Bentonla for "Pink and Yellow Walls." In the Essay (Creative Nonfiction) Category, Proctor placed first for "My Grandfather's Saddle;" Kalil placed second for "Insatiable Want" and Destiny Sullivan of Louisville came in third for "PlayStation."

For the Short Story Category, Ethan Burton of Goodman took first place for "Worn Blue Collar;" Kalil placed second for "Monday Mourning" and Chandra Butler of Ethel placed third for "Growing up Wingfield." In the Literary Essay section, Elizabeth Howell of Kosciusko placed first for "Joy without a leg to stand on;" Proctor got second place for "Female Rebellion in Literature" and Howell got third for "White Woods of Fantasy." Howell also won first place in the Drama Category for "Fish."

Ridgeland Literary Contest



IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are the Ridgeland Campus Literary Contest winners. They are *(front row, left to right)* Samantha Banks, Ashley Regan, Rachel Hairston, *(back row, left to right)* Austin Parker, Zach Goodman, Will Flasck and Brian Jones, II. Not pictured: Codi Goulas and Lydia Fortenberry.

Each year, the Ridgeland Campus English Department holds a Literary Contest. The competition entries were judged by the English faculty members. First and second place winners in each category appear in *Reflections*, the campus literary magazine, and are sent to the statewide contest. State-level winners receive monetary prizes and publication in the literary magazine of the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association.

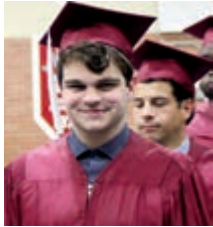
Winners of the Personal Essay Category included Austin C. Parker of Flowood, first place for "Champion of The Broken," and Samantha Jordan Banks of Yazoo City, second place for "Remembrance." Zach Goodman of Lena, Rachel Hairston of Jackson and David Waller of Madison also received Honorable Mentions for their essays.

Brian M. Jones, II, of Jackson was awarded first place for "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass" in the Literary Essay Category, and Will Flasck of Madison took second for "Monkey See, Monkey Do." Winners of the Poetry Category included Ashley Regan of Madison, first place for "Lady Chrysalis," and Codi Goulas of Lafayette, Louisiana, second place for "Acadiana Roots."

Finally, the first place winner for the Short Story Category was Lydia Fortenberry of Brandon for "Jack is not a Girl's Name," and Flasck placed second for "Moving Forward."

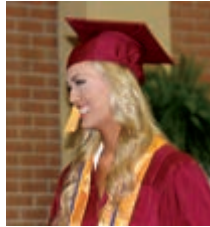
Holmes Community College 89th Commencement Ceremonies

Friday, the Twelfth day of May
Two Thousand Seventeen



Michael Edmonds

"Graduating from Holmes didn't only feel like it was about me, it felt like I was celebrating everyone who helped me get to that moment."



Nikki Merchant

"Graduating from Holmes was closing the chapter of the place where I thrived and found that who I always wanted to be, was what I became."



A Day For Celebration

You've put in the hours and the effort, and made Holmes proud.

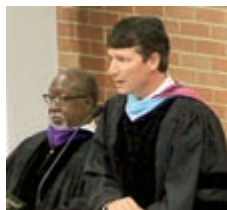
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Mortar Board Bling A popular trend with students was personalizing their 'caps' with their own unique messages, styles.



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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Graduation from Holmes is the first step on a journey of many accomplishments.



Scotty J. Jobe, Jr.

Special speaker at the Associate of Applied Science graduation Ceremony. Scotty is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a President's List scholar and serves his country as a member of the Mississippi Air National Guard.



Taylor Vance

Special speaker at the Associate of Arts graduation Ceremony. He is president of the Student Government Association, president of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, editor of the Growl student newspaper and a Holmes Ambassador.



Formerly paralyzed Holmes student walks across stage at graduation



1) Stevelyn Robinson poses with his father, Stevie, his mother, Sheila, and his sister, Jazalyn, prior to graduation. 2) With the help of his therapist Patricia Oyarce, Stevelyn makes his way across the stage at graduation (Director of Admissions Kay Bates seen to left cheering him on).

A Holmes student who suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury after a terrible wreck in high school thought he had little to no chance of ever regaining movement below his neck. Nearly five and a half years later, 23-year-old Stevelyn Robinson accomplished his goal: to walk across the stage to receive his college diploma.

"It was the best feeling in the world," Stevelyn said. "I never expected the amount of encouragement everybody gave me, but it was awesome."

There was hardly a dry eye in Frank Branch Coliseum on Friday, May 12, 2017, as the 5-foot Winona native stood up from his wheelchair and, with the assistance of his physical therapist Patricia Oyarce and a walker, made his way across the stage. Students, faculty, staff and parents cheered loudly and gave Stevelyn a standing ovation as he proudly took each step.

"There are images that in mere seconds sum up all the things that are important in your life or your work," said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. "Seeing Stevelyn approach our stage on graduation day was one of those once-in-a-lifetime images that will be pleasantly replayed in my mind for the rest of my career. I knew I was witnessing a moment of triumph and determination that most of us will never have the perseverance to experience, but I am so proud that our work at Holmes allowed us to share in that triumph with Stevelyn. He is such a remarkable person."

Thanks to his hard work, Stevelyn earned his A.A. degree in business administration, but it was no simple feat. Luckily he was blessed with a family that loves him dearly and he had ceaseless support from his mother, Sheila Robinson, who has helped him achieve his goals every step of the way. She quit her job to help take care of him, driving him back and forth from his hometown of Winona to Methodist Rehab in Jackson and accompanying him to his classes on the Holmes Grenada Campus.

"I am a former certified nurse assistant, and I actually used to work with paraplegic patients," Sheila said. "I had no idea that God was using my work experience to prepare me to take care of my own precious child."

Dec. 2, 2011, is a date that she will never forget. That was the day that a log truck collided into the school bus carrying both her children as passengers. Always a protective big brother, Stevelyn's first instinct was to protect his sister, Jazalyn, who at the time was only 12 years old. As he jumped out of his seat to try and help her, the bus rolled to its side and Stevelyn, then weighing only a little over 120 pounds, found himself at the bottom of a pile of students.

"I remember my first thought was to see if my sister was okay," Stevelyn said. "On my way to the hospital I remember my last thought before I blacked out was realizing that I couldn't feel legs...it was a scary feeling."

Jazalyn suffered a skull fracture, but was able to go home a few days later after surgery. Doctors informed the Robinson family that Stevelyn, however, was paralyzed from the neck down and that at that point, they could not predict the exact degree of progress he would be able to achieve. Determined to make the most of the situation, Sheila took him to Methodist Rehab as soon as he was able and he eagerly began working hard with his physical therapists.

"Stevelyn is an amazing young man," said physical therapist Ann Howard. "He has made incredible progress and I will never forget that day when I came in and he said to me proudly, 'Look what I can do!' as he lifted one leg."

The movement indicated that Stevelyn was an "incomplete quadriplegic" and could possibly regain muscle function below his injury site. During the year Stevelyn spent a year at Methodist Outpatient Neurological Rehabilitation, he worked to regain his motor skills using the hospital's body weight-supporting treadmill, Functional Electrical Stimulation bikes, as well as the adaptive computer and wheelchair devices at Methodist Rehab. He began re-learning to walk using the Bioness L300 Plus, which are devices that electrical stimulate the legs to activate weakened muscles and nerves.

As he progressed, Stevelyn moved on to Methodist Rehab's outpatient Quest program, which he "graduated" from on May 25, 2017. During his time with the program, he accomplished quite a bit, including finishing high school, enrolling in college and completing his degree at Holmes. Stevelyn started out slowly, taking only online courses, but at the prompting of his physical therapist finally decided to attend the Holmes Grenada Campus in person.

"Stevelyn will always hold a special place in my heart as being one of the most inspiring students I have taught at Holmes," said music instructor Cindy Dugan. "His daily determination and perseverance encouraged students and faculty alike who were honored with the opportunity to know him."

Stevelyn had the continual support from Holmes CTE Support Services/DSS Coordinator Laura Bigbee, who made sure he always had everything he needed so that he could successfully attend face-to-face classes.

"I knew from day one that there would be no obstacle that Stevelyn wasn't willing to face head on," Bigbee said. "His determination is obvious from the moment you meet him. He is an outstanding young man with a bright future ahead of him."

A former football, basketball and track star at Montgomery High School in Kilmichael, Stevelyn also found ways to continue utilizing his natural athleticism. He joined the Jackson quad rugby team and played whenever he could. He had goals - including walking to receive his diploma at graduation - and he never lost sight of them. Stevelyn also participated in Methodist Rehab's Driving Rehabilitation Program which gave him the training/equipment to be able to drive again.

Now that he is a Holmes alum, Stevelyn attends the University of Mississippi. In 2014, Stevelyn was chosen by Ole Miss' Sigma Nu Fraternity as the recipient of the year for charity bowl, which is an annual fundraiser for people with spinal cord injuries, established in honor of the late Ole Miss athlete Chuckie Mullins who was paralyzed because of a football injury. As the honoree, Stevelyn received \$75K and had the opportunity to meet former quarterback Bo Wallace.

Following his graduation day from the Quest program, Stevelyn grinned through a few tears of joy as he and his physical therapists recounted how far he has come. In regards to his successful walk across stage at the Holmes graduation, Patricia revealed that he even did it without the leg braces that would've made it easier for him because he wanted to wear his fancy shoes.



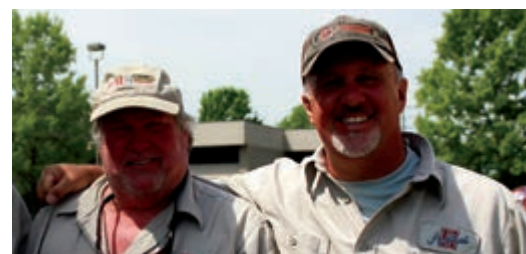
Laugh
and learn.

While Holmes' staff is quite an accomplished group, it is very difficult find them taking themselves seriously. They may have Ph.D.s and numerous accolades, but they also know how to have a good time.

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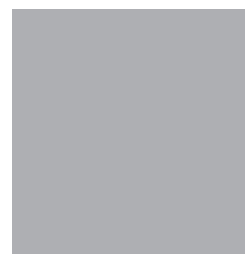
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Lots going on! This year, our staff added degrees, certificates, awards and more! We celebrate each of their accomplishments!

2017 Humanities



Sonja Arnett, an English instructor on the Goodman Campus, was named Holmes Community College 2017 Humanities Teacher of the Year. She delivered her presentation, "Classroom Theatrics: A Touch of Flavor to Academia," on Nov. 9 in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus.

The Humanities Teacher Awards recognize the contributions of humanities faculty at each of the state's colleges and universities. Nominations are made by the college or university president or humanities dean.

"When I was told I was chosen as this year's Humanities Teacher of the Year for Holmes, I thought, 'What am I going to say? What am I going to do?' After this initial crisis, however, I started thinking about my daily classroom routine. Every once in a while, I feel it is beneficial to add a little 'spice' to the lesson, a little drama to the routine. So, I compiled a few of my 'dramatic' lessons to present on Nov. 9. My hope was to demonstrate that drama can help bridge the gap between the often dry lessons of academia (though important) and the sometimes disinterested, easily distracted student population."

A member of the Holmes family since 2006, Arnett is an academic adviser, Writing Center tutor and English instructor. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in English from the University of Mississippi and her first teaching position was at Hinds Community College as an adjunct English instructor.

Prior to Holmes, Arnett was employed with Delta Airlines in Jackson from 1994 -2004 as a customer service agent. In that role, she helped people check in, worked at the departure gate and handled baggage service.

"I loved it," Arnett said, "but the job required night/weekend/holiday hours, and I had a young son that I wanted to spend time with at those crucial times, so I returned to teaching."

To transition back into education, she acquired her emergency teaching license and taught 11th grade English for one year at Norwest Rankin High School. In the spring of 2006, Arnett applied to Holmes, joined the English faculty and has never looked back.

"I love teaching English and I love my students," Arnett said. "I am grateful to work in this academic environment and to have the support of an extraordinary college president, vice president and academic dean. My colleagues inspire me. I have the greatest job ever. I plan to retire from here!"

Arnett and her husband, Kenny, have been married for 28 years. They have one teenage son, Kenneth Trey, whom she says is her "greatest gift from the Lord." In addition to teaching and spending time with her family, she also loves taking walks in the country and working the land on her Kubota tractor.

Arnett was recognized by the Mississippi Humanities Council at the 2018 Public Humanities Awards Reception on Feb. 16 in Jackson.

Teacher of the Year

Pictured below:

1. Pictured are (left to right) English instructor Jessica Brown, Goodman Campus Academic Dean/Director of the Attala Center Dr. Jenny Jones, Sonja Arnett and Mississippi Humanities Council Executive Director Dr. Stuart Rockoff.
2. Pictured is (center) Sonja Arnett with (left to right) her husband, Kenny, and her son, Sontrey.
3. Pictured are (left to right) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Sonja Arnett and Mississippi Humanities Council Executive Director Dr. Stuart Rockoff.
4. Pictured is Sonja Arnett presenting "Classroom Theatrics: A Touch of Flavor to Academia," on Nov. 9.



HEADWAE



Pictured at the HEADWAE event are *(front, left to right)* Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffy, Faculty Honoree Xiaoying "Shae" Wang, Student Honoree Slade Allgood, *(back, left to right)* Vice President of Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox, Grenada Campus Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville, Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence and Allgood's parents, Stacy Lynn Wooten and Jimmy Earl Allgood.

Each year, the Mississippi Legislature hosts the Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) banquet to recognize and honor the academically-talented faculty members and students of Mississippi's higher education institutions. The 31st HEADWAE banquet was held on Feb. 20, 2018. Honorees from Holmes Community College included Xiaoying "Shae" Wang, a computer science and mathematics instructor, and Buck Slade Allgood of Carthage, a pre-medical student.

Shae Wang

Wang, who has worked at Holmes for over 14 years, holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Fudan University in Shanghai, P. R. China, as well as a master's degree in computer science from the University of Mississippi. Prior to working at Holmes, she taught at the University of Mississippi and the University of Memphis. Some of the courses Wang has taught include: Computer Applications, Computer Concepts, Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Statistics, Calculus I-III, Java Programming I and Chinese Language I-IV.

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"Shae is a huge asset to the Grenada Campus and has always been an outstanding employee," said Grenada Campus Vice President Michelle Burney. "She is humble, dependable and most deserving of this honor. Shae represents Holmes Community College well."

This is not the first time Wang has been recognized for her excellence in teaching; in 2011 she was named a Holmes Lamplighter recipient. Along with two colleagues, she represented the college at the annual Lamplighters Conference held in Corinth sponsored by the Mississippi Community and Junior College Academic Officers Association (MCJCAOA). Wang continues to stay active in professional organizations, serving as a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM); the Mississippi Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (MAMTE); the Mississippi Association for Developmental Education (MADE) and Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), an international honor society for the computing and information disciplines.

"I have worked with Shae both as a colleague and currently as her dean," said Grenada Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville. "She is always willing to give her all to her students to help them understand. One of the best comments I have ever seen was on one of her evaluations where the student said, 'I have never understood math and Ms. Wang made it all become clear to me.' That is pretty high praise in my opinion."

Following in her footsteps of excellence in education, Wang's son, Theo Young, recently graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and is currently working as a pharmacist for Rite Aid. Her daughter, Joelle Young, is enrolled in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College at the University of Mississippi, double majoring in elementary education and mathematics.

Slade Allgood

Allgood, son of Stacy Lynn Wooten and Jimmy Earl Allgood, is studying pre-med on the Ridgeland Campus. He is an Ambassador, president of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of Focus Factor, a Christian organization on campus. Allgood was also a member of the 2017 Homecoming Court.

Upon graduation from Holmes, Allgood plans to transfer to Mississippi College where he will major in biology with a focus on medical sciences and minor in chemistry. After MC, he plans to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a trauma surgeon.

"Slade Allgood is a very affable individual and I consider him an excellent representative for Holmes," said Chairman of the Department of Natural Sciences Joe David White. "He has been a steadfast student volunteer for the Department of Natural Sciences, a department tutor in chemistry and has the heart of a champion in all of his life's endeavors that I have witnessed."

Ridgeland Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence said, "Slade Allgood's selection as the HEADWAE student awardee is not surprising. He is a very active student at Holmes Community College and juggles all of his responsibilities very well while maintaining his outstanding academic record. He is a great choice to represent Holmes."

Retirement



Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Jim Haffey, Nancy McRight and Dr. Mike Blankenship at McRight's reception.

The Holmes Attala Center in Kosciusko held a surprise retirement reception for Nancy McRight on Aug. 10, 2017, to celebrate her 15 years with the college. After spending 13 years in public education in the classroom, she was named director of the Holmes Attala Center.

McRight was selected director of the year in adult education in Mississippi three times, and was a vital part of the growth of the Holmes Attala Center. The Attala Center relocated to a new 70,000 square foot facility in 2015, and the North Central Planning and Development District honored Holmes for the impact that the Attala Center campus has had on the community.

She has served on numerous boards, such as the Kosciusko Rotary Club, The Oprah Winfrey Boys and Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County, Ability Works and The Kosciusko-Attala Development Corporation. In addition to community service, McRight was diligent in helping Holmes become a designated military friendly school.

"We live in a patriotic community, and I have always been a patriotic

person. I love our country and I would do anything to be able to help our local veterans," she said. She also traveled with the Mississippi Army National Guard to the Pentagon and Bureau in Washington, D.C., where she served as an educational representative due to her work with the military. McRight said she considered her role as the director of the Attala Center as a ministry.

She was raised in the Mississippi Delta where much of her family still resides. She attended Washington School and graduated with a bachelor's in education from the University of Mississippi, where she was a member of Phi Mu Fraternity. She returned to Ole Miss for additional studies in 1983 and later received a master of arts in teaching from Grand Canyon University.

Overall, McRight spent 28 years working in public education and treasures the time spent with her students over the years. Upon retiring from Holmes, she accepted a new role as coordinator for the Families First for Mississippi Resource Center in Madison County. The main objective of the center is to stimulate employment through job readiness, support family financial stability, promote literacy, and increase graduation rates while continuing to support positive youth development, decreasing teen pregnancy rates, promoting positive father involvement, parenting education and parenting skills development.

Although McRight has had a successful career and continues to impact the lives of others in the community, she says that her greatest accomplishment is being called Mother to two daughters and Grandmother to three grandchildren.



Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Mike Blankenship, Bronwyn Martin, Nancy McRight and Lina Lopez at McRight's reception.

Parties

The Holmes Grenada Campus held a retirement reception for Joan Estes Tierce on Nov. 17, 2017, in the Jack L. Holmes Library. Before the Holmes Grenada Campus even opened its doors to students in 1985, Tierce had already been serving Holmes' students for over a year as librarian. After 33 and a half years, Tierce announced that she would be retiring in December 2017.

Tierce, who came to work at Holmes in 1984 as the librarian for both the ADN and PN programs, was the director of Library Services for the entire Holmes district and its three libraries.

"Holmes has been my second home," Tierce said. "I love the students and working with the students. I love being in the Grenada community because I'm from Grenada. I just love my job and love being at Holmes, but now it's time for a new chapter."

Both the Grenada and Ridgeland campuses opened their



Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Lindy McCain and Joan Tierce at Tierce's retirement reception.



Pictured are (left to right) Jack Holmes and Joan Tierce at Tierce's retirement reception.

doors while Tierce has been employed at Holmes, and she's been able to watch them grow. Along with serving as librarian, Tierce was the charter advisor of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. During her time as an advisor, she was named a Distinguished Advisor and an Advisor of Continued Excellence. The chapter was also named Most Distinguished internationally by Phi Theta Kappa.

She is a member of the Mississippi Library Association and the American Library Association. She is past president of the Dean's & Directors for Mississippi Librarians, MELO (Mississippi Electric Libraries Online) and Grenada Education Association. She is a past member of MAGNOLIA Steering Committee for Mississippi Legislature. She was chosen as a Lamplighter in 2005.

Tierce, a 1979 graduate of Holmes Junior College, holds a bachelor's degree in library science from Delta State University and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

Tierce enjoys working in her yard and growing flowers. She also owns a monogramming business, "2 Crazy Ladies," on Sparta Road with her best friend, Linda Morgan. Tierce is very active in her church working with mission activities and has been the church pianist for 46 years.

She married Roger Appelhans on Dec. 9, 2017. She has one son, Vernon Marshall Rodgers, and one daughter-in-law, Lindsay Eubanks. She also has two grandsons, Braxton and Marshall, and two new stepdaughters, Paige and Dakotah.



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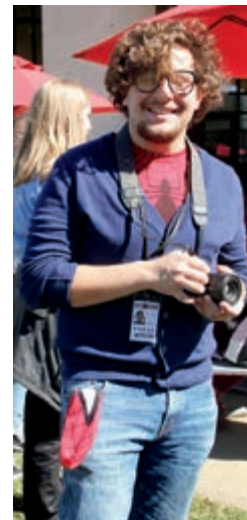
Events like Spring Fling, Fall Fest and Pink-O-Ween never fail to bring our students together. All you need is a few friends, some good food, and the Bulldog Spirit.

campus life

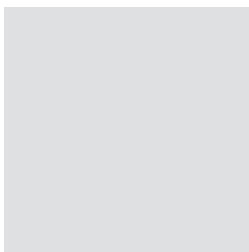
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join in.



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Never a dull moment!
Students on all our campuses have plenty of opportunities to feel "a part of student life here at Holmes. Something is always happening!"

What's trending



2017 was full of monumental events. Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the U.S. on Jan. 20. The following day, several hundred thousand people, mainly women, marched to protest Trump just hours into his presidency. American tensions with North Korea intensified as leader Kim Jong Un revealed that they were building nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the U.S.

On May 22, a bomb was detonated as people were

leaving Manchester Arena in the U.K. following an Ariana Grande concert. Twenty-three were killed and 500 injured in this terrorist attack. Sadly, another concert became a deadly place when a gunman killed at least 59 people and injured more than 500 others at a Jason Aldean concert in Las Vegas on Oct. 1 in what has been called the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. One month later, a gunman entered a First Baptist Church in Texas, and began firing resulting in 26 deaths and 20 injuries. On Oct. 31, eight people were killed and almost a dozen injured when a man drove a pickup truck down a busy bike path near the World Trade Center in New York City. Authorities found a note claiming the attack was made in the name of ISIS.

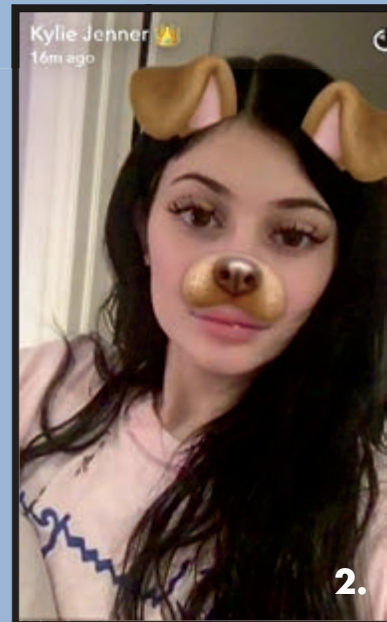


Also in October, reports in The New York Times revealed that film mogul Harvey Weinstein allegedly sexually harassed numerous women in Hollywood. This sparked the #metoo movement in which people shared personal stories of being the victims of sexual harassment. This movement eventually led to Matt Lauer being fired as co-host of "The Today Show" after 20 years.

Mother Nature made headlines throughout 2017, as well. In August, for the first time in 99 years, a solar eclipse crossed the U.S. bringing everyone outside in their special glasses, trying to get a glimpse. Hurricane season was brutal in our nation and beyond. Hurricane Maria was the deadliest to strike the Caribbean, with estimates that as many as 1,000 people died in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas in August, putting much of Houston underwater, and Hurricane Irma made landfall twice in southern Florida on Sept. 10, killing scores of people there and elsewhere in the U.S. and Caribbean.

The NFL made headlines, as well. It was 2016 when San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick first chose to sit during the national anthem because of his views on the country's treatment of racial minorities, but the protest took flight in 2017 after President Trump expressed his disdain with the players taking part.

Popular in 2017-18



1. The thrilling Netflix original drama "Stranger Things" gained a cult following in 2017.
2. Snapchat filters, like the puppy face filter Kylie Jenner likes to use, are popular with college kids.
3. The fidget spinner, marketed as an antidote for anxiety, are on classroom desks everywhere.
4. Starbucks hopped on the unicorn-craze by releasing the limited edition flavor-changing, color-changing frappuccino in 2017.
5. The PopSocket expanding grip for smartphones has made texting, calling and selfies easier than ever.

TRENDING



Muck Boots
for a rainy day

Apple Watch to keep
up with the
time...and texts



Leggings and fuzzy
jackets to stay
comfortable on a
chilly day



Cute pair of Birkenstock sandals to
wear once the weather warms up

iPhone X to keep up
with your friends...and
take even better selfies

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Choker neckline
shirt for a fun
weekend night out



Popcorn Pullover to
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Kendra Scott
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American girls will get their
first princess when Meghan
Markle ties the knot with
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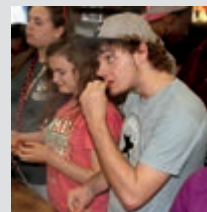


Just Bulldogs having fun in the sun!

When the heat is on, the Bulldogs come to play in the sun! Bulldogs from Goodman, Grenada and Ridgeland each had a day to hang out with each other and have some fun!







Holmes Community College Having Fun in the Fall!

Goodman Campus enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship - and crawfish - on a beautiful November day.

Ridgeland Campus enjoyed their time with gigantic ball darts, a petting zoo, a dancefloor and video games.

Grenada Campus had a field day with karaoke, corn hole tournaments, a hot dog stand and a rock climbing wall.

"Fall Fest was a perfect time for our Bulldog Family to come together and enjoy each other's companionship. We had games, a rock wall, we even sang and danced! It was an amazing experience."

-Anna Marie Gray



"I feel that Fall Fest was an amazing experience. The variety of booths and activities made it a very enjoyable experience."

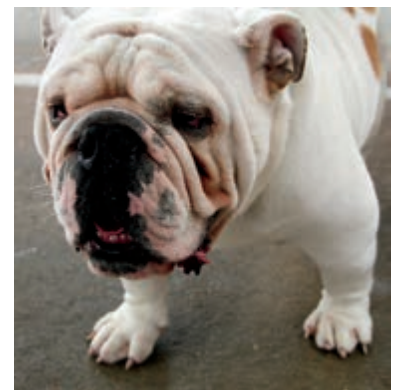
-Brandon Williams





"We are always happy to have Major at events, even in Ridgeland!"

-Stephanie Wood





A night full of



Director
Michael Yates

Holmes Connection! is a highly-enthusiastic group that represents Holmes CC with shows in all nine counties and performs popular music from all musical genres appropriate for any age group. With an amazing light show, powerful vocals and contagious choreography, the Holmes Connection! provides an exciting, professional show that generates magnetic audience appeal.

Lights. Vocals. Choreography.



Pictured above: Shelby Turner, Jordan Wallace, Isaiah Miller, Luke Johnson, Rashad Perteet

Pictured below: Jessi Morgan



Connection!



Pictured above: Jaylon Townsend, Emma Dorris, Luke Johnson, Isaiah Miller

Pictured to the right: Britnee Kirk and Laken Fowler



THE DETAILS

"No Place like Holmes means that Holmes is a place where you fit in right away no matter what differences you may have or what struggles you face. Someone is always there to help you out! At Holmes you are not just another face...the faculty and staff really get to know you! There are so many things to get involved in on campus and you make lifelong friends. I find myself there hours after classes have ended. Holmes is a great pathway into your future. I wish everyone could experience what Holmes Community College has to offer!"

– Ashlee Bennett, a sophomore on the Grenada Campus



No Place Like Holmes



"Holmes is really like home to me. I love campus life, I love the wonderful staff here, and I love the extracurricular activities I am involved in. I thank God for Holmes CC making it feel like home. There's No Place like Holmes!"

–Miltorria Haymer, a freshman on the Goodman Campus

"There's No Place like Holmes because there is a unique family and friends atmosphere that surrounds the campuses. The friendliness of the professors fosters a healthy mutual respect between them and the students. Holmes isn't a place where professors have 200 students per class and couldn't care less if half of them fail. It's a place where people actually build relationships with each other that can carry on past the campus life and academia. Holmes deliberately and genuinely means to foster a homey environment that is conducive to learning and bettering one's mind. It's easy to see why there really is No Place like Holmes."

–Joshua Gafford, a freshman on the Grenada Campus

"No Place Like Holmes" is a true statement. Memories have been made and friendships have been formed, and I will cherish them forever. Holmes Community College has prepared me for the future and has helped me on my journey to be successful. The staff here is wonderful and has really helped me grow as a student. I am excited to see where God leads me next, but I am thankful that He lead me to HCC first. "Once a bulldog, always a bulldog."

-Emma Gibson, sophomore on the Grenada campus



"Holmes is very different to me because of the staff. They are very welcoming and try to help and support you in every way they can help you succeed."

-Katelyn Hill, a freshman on the Goodman Campus



"Holmes has been so good to me for the past two years. It has not only given me an incredible education but it has given me irreplaceable friendships with students and professors. There is truly "No Place like Holmes."

-Lydia Thompson, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus

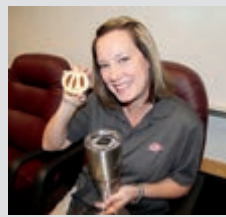
"Holmes Community College gives you the first-time experience of college life. It is perfect for those who prefer small classroom environments. With teachers that give you their full attention and conduct informative lectures, there is truly 'No Place like Holmes.'"

-Trevell Taylor, a freshman on the Goodman Campus

"Out of the many colleges I've visited, I've never been to one that's been as welcoming and helpful as Holmes. The staff is very cheerful and wants the best for their students and it shows. That's why there's 'No Place like Holmes.'"

-Staci Roby-Gray, a freshman on the Goodman Campus

PRIDE



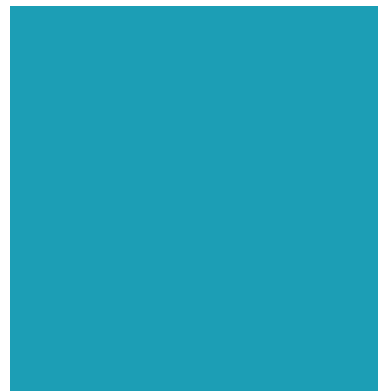
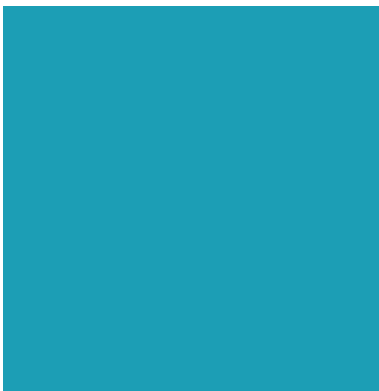
Bulldogs In Disguise From Minnie Mouse to 80's ladies to Batman, Holmes faculty, staff and students went all out!

Bulldogs know how to celebrate Halloween!

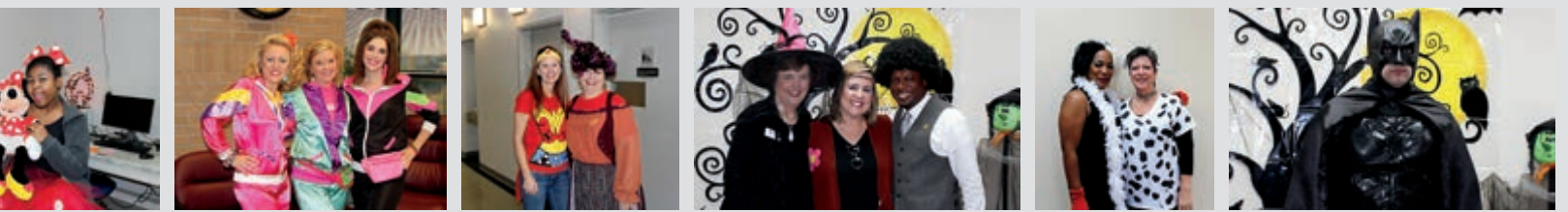
Goodman Campus celebrated this spooky halloween with a Halloween Dace!

Ridgeland Campus gave students and faculty a fright with a costume contest!

Grenada Campus had their own costume contest fun, with staff joining in too!



While the M&Ms have a nice time, a Holmes officer is being naughty photobombing!



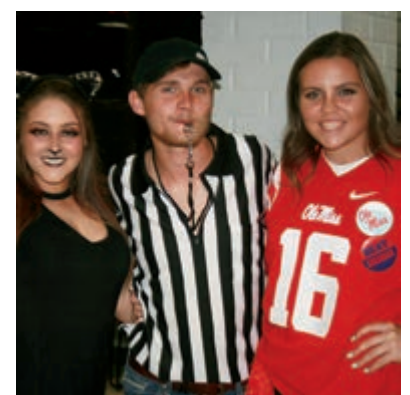
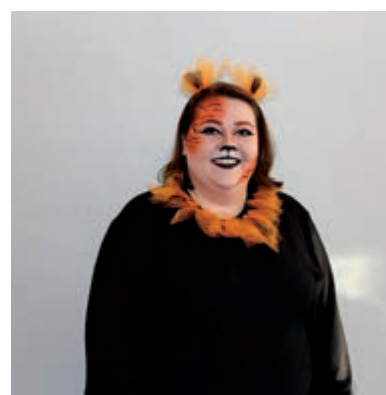
Halloween at Holmes

Bulldogs show their creativity with an interesting variety of costumes!



Wreaking Halloween Havoc

Ridgeland Campus' Halloween Costume Contest was hosted by the Multimedia club HAVOC. (Members to the left)



Christmas at the College



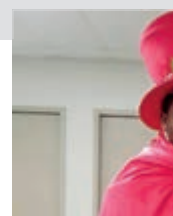
Mortar Board Bling A Goodman Campus Literature Class celebrates Christmas!

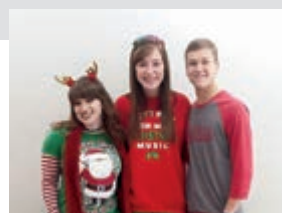


(left to right) Mitch Costilow and Justin Ferguson go all out for "Christmas Pajama Day" during Grenada SGA's Spirit of Christmas Week.

A Day For Celebration

At Holmes, we take our holidays seriously. From dressing up to throwing end-of-year Christmas parties, the faculty, staff and students know how to have fun!





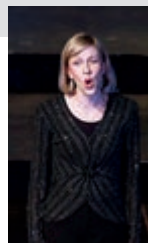
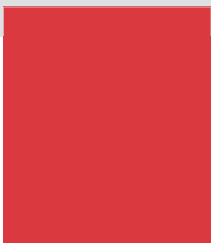
Holmes presents

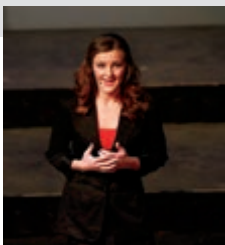
Carols of Christmas

The 2017 Carols of Christmas was held Nov. 30 in the Montgomery Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. The concert featured the Holmes Concert Chorale, Holmes Connection! and Coachmen. There was standing room only during the packed-out performance.



**"Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum
pum
A new born King to
see
Pa rum pum pum
pum"**





Beauty Review



Georgia Watkins of West was named 2018 Most Beautiful in Holmes Community College's Beauty Review pageant held Feb. 27 on the Goodman Campus. Watkins, daughter of Tommy and Jennifer Watkins, is a freshman pre-nursing major on the Goodman Campus.

A graduate of Winona Christian School, Watkins is active on campus at Holmes. She is a cheerleader, Ambassador, member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and on the President's List. She also enjoys studying anatomy and physiology, and plans to earn her B.S. in nursing from University of Mississippi Medical Center. Watkins' career ambition is to become a nurse practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys reading and working out.

Over the course of the evening, other awards were given, as well. Kalyn Robinson was named Most Photogenic, and the four Beauties (who were part of the Top Five with Watkins) were Nicole Creel, Anna Franklin, Josie Harris and Hallie Murtagh. The Top 10 Beauties included: Watkins, Creel, Franklin, Harris, Murtagh, Robinson, Tamara Greenlee, Keri Hannah, Catherine Pannell and Hannah Thomas.

The event was directed by Student Activities Director Tina Boyette and Holmes alumna Nikki Merchant served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The Holmes Connection! show choir, under the direction of Mike Yates, provided entertainment at intermission.





1. 2017 Most Beautiful Bayley Cook crowns 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins.

2. Pictured are the Top Five. They are (left to right) Beauty Hallie Murtagh, Beauty Nicole Creel, Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins, Beauty Anna Franklin and Beauty Josie Harris.

3. Pictured are the Top 10. They are (left to right) Tamara Greenlee, Keri Hannah, Hallie Murtagh, Nicole Creel, Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins, Anna Franklin, Josie Harris, Kalyn Robinson, Catherine Pannell and Hannah Thomas.

4. Pictured are (left to right) Goodman Campus Director Andy Wood, 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins and 2017 Most Beautiful Bayley Cook.

5. Pictured is 2018 Most Photogenic Kalyn Robinson.

Beauty Review



Shaye Connery makes her way down the stairs with some help from (left) Jacob Rhodes and (right) Miguel Garcia.



Lauren Edwards takes the stage.



Contestant #9 Octavia Smith introduces herself.



Holmes Connection! performs at intermission. Pictured are (left to right) Connection! Director Mike Yates, Isaiah Miller and Britnee Kirk.



Holmes alumna Nikki Merchant serves as Mistress of Ceremonies.



Jazmine Haley poses on stage.



Albertina Veasley stops and poses for the judges.



Madison Pickens smiles on stage.



(left) Evelyn Oaks poses on stage.

(right) Kameron Edwards is all smiles on stage.



(above) Annie Blackmon takes the stage.



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band?

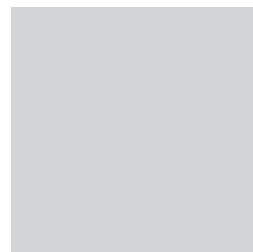
Yes. Holmes has a Steel Drum ensemble...and a few others that may surprise you. Several performing choruses, including Connection!, a dynamic show choir. From intramural sports to video gaming, there is truly something for everyone.

clubs

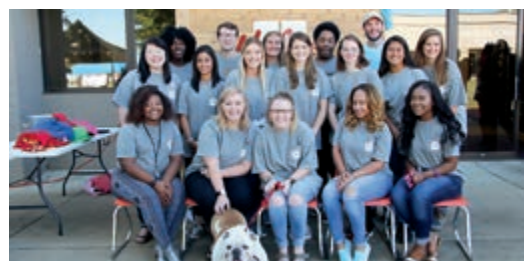
AND ORGANIZATIONS

cultural.

talented.



unexpected.



helpful.

happy.



What would you like to do? Student Government Association, fine arts, community involvement. These are a few of the clubs Holmes offers. Join the fun!



Holmes CC 2017



Marching Band

Drum Major



Drum Major
Chris Nalls

Color Guard



Color Guard, Goodman Campus

left to right) Jennie Watters, Tyundria Williams, Olivia Butler, Shelby Corr, Dionna Brown and Alana Price.

Drumline



Drumline, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Dillan McHarris, Jerren Jackson, Chris Ball, Noah Burrell, Emmaly Wilcher, Gabbye Taylor, *(back row, left to right)* Quintrell Stewart, Curtis Bradford, Aaron Howard, Chris Jackson, Connor Neyman and Cody Willhite.

Woodwinds



Woodwinds, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Courtney Clay, Da'Vaughn Payne, Danielle Smith, Madisson Jackson, Kenya Nichols, Jada Gilmore, Deanna Hughes, Destiny Sullivan, Crystal Allen, Anna Smitherman, *(back row, left to right)* Johnny Kelly, Caitlyn Bell, Chandler Garrett, Duston Jones and Elisabeth Murphy.

Brass



Brass, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Tyrese Carver, Samantha Miller, Ariel Hernandez, Christopher Garrett, Courtlandt Turnbo *(middle row, left to right)* Albertina Veasley, Lexi Rae Bright, Curtis Osborn, Jamie Hernandez, Josie White, Ladarius Harmon, Chloe Bland, *(back row, left to right)* Kenneth Smith, Brandon Huff, Martel Myers and Griffin Sekul.

Pit Percussion



Pit Percussion, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Rachel Jones, Taylor Vaden, Alexa Williamson, *(back row, left to right)* Cedric Terry, Francesco McKnight, De'Merick White, Holden Shipp and Chris Curry.

Band Managers



Band Managers, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Mahalia Jones, Madison Pickens, Anastasia Boston, Alyssa Allbritton, Abigail Proctor, (back row, left to right) Robert Wall, Johnathan Denney, Taylor Pickle and Grayson Walker.

Voices of Praise



Voices of Praise, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Rosalyne Davis (adviser), Demetrick White, Courtney Clay, Titeara Gates, Janayah Green, Calvin Glover, Jr., Amira Wallace, Jada Bilmore, Yulanda L. McKennie, Octavia Smith, Corine Jefferson, Jachelle Woodruff, Amari Harvey, LaAngela Wolfe, (back row, left to right) Cedric Terry, Marvin Ross, Rodrick Anderson, Jamaya Stennis, Orlando Hoard, II, Tamara Greenlee, Christopher Nalls, LaKesha Rand, Anderrious Donalson, Jaslynn Ware and Tori Haymer.

Steel Band



Steel Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Dillan McHarris, Ariel Hernandez, Courtney Clay, Chris Garrett, (back row, left to right) Chris Curry, Jerren Jackson, Chris Jackson and Noah Burrell. Not pictured: Morgan Jackson. Not pictured: Adviser Jeffrey Brown.

Jazz Band



Jazz Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Chandler Garrett, Courtney Clay, Curtis Osborn, Josie White, (back row, left to right) Chris Curry, Dillan McHarris, Francesca McKnight, Noah Burrell and instructor James Bailey.

Indoor Drumline



Indoor Drumline, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Miracle Green, Crystal Allen, Samantha Miller, Rachel Jones, Safaye Stone, Noah Burrell, Dillon McHarris, Morgan Jackson, Chris Ball, De'Merick White, Shelby Corr, Olivia Butler, Chris Curry, *(second row, left to right)* Anna Smitherman, Courtney Clay, Zach Clark, Taylor Vaden, Jennie Watters, Charleigh McPhail, Curtis Bradford, Francesco McKnight, Chris Nalls, *(back row, left to right)* Kenneth Smith, Cedric Terry, Holden Shipp, Aaron Howard, Chris Jackson and Johnny Kelly. Not pictured: Adviser Jeffrey Brown

Coachmen



Coachmen Singers, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Deonna Carter, Jessi Morgan, Jabrieka Thornton, Britnee Kirk, *(back row, left to right)* Isaiah "Zay" Miller and Jaylon Townsend.

Connection!



Connection! show choir, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Mary Morgan Stanford, Britnee Kirk, Alexis Jones, Emma Dorris, Jessi Morgan, Jabrieka Thornton, Laken Fowler, Shelby Turner, (back row, left to right) Jaylon Townsend, Luke Johnson, Gabriel Welch, R'Shunti Perteet, Jordan Wallace and Isaiah "Zay" Miller.

Ambassadors



Ambassadors, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Nathan Killebrew, Blake Bell, Alexis McBride, Avery Terrell, Emily Martin, Georgia Watkins, Erin Jenkins, Sam Hudson, Logan Ledbetter, (second row, left to right) Channing Blair, Jon Austin McCown, Lexxus Patrick, Zach Rawson, Cailyn Pope, Bailey Rutledge, Cameron Edwards, Hannah Bloom, Kalyn Robertson, Eryn Claire Bowman, Reilly Carr, Katlyn McLellan, Maggie Melton, Laura Partain, (back row, left to right) Brendon Quon, Lamar Land, Hallie Murtagh, Shelby Turner, Jacob Rhodes, Christopher Stuckey, Payton Neil, Loftin Price and Rylee Artman. Not pictured: Adviser Leslie

Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Ethan Burton, Lofton Price, Chris Kalil, Hallie Westbrook, *(back row, left to right)* Adviser Jason Kelly, Tyler Sloan, Lamar Land, Jacob Rhodes, Derrell Bilskey, Adviser Will Alexander.

SkillsUSA



SkillsUSA, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Jessica Davis, Jasmine Thomas, Kayla Lynch, Hallie Westbrook, Ashley Reel, Vikia Lay, Emily Walton, *(middle row, left to right)* Javarius Brewer, Lowden McAdams, James LaBorde, Stefan McKibben, *(back row, left to right)* Advisers Will Alexander and Jeffery Cotten.

FCA



Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Goodman Campus

BSU



Baptist Student Union, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Madison Porter, Josie Harris, Emma Doris, Tori McGee, Rachel Jones, Kalyn Robertson, (middle row, left to right) Zack Rawson, Josh Ellard, Jordan Wallace, Alana Price, Ana-Claire Edwards, Luke Johnson, Hallie Murtagh, Jonathan Boles, Zack Clark, Anna Shelby, (back row, left to right) Lofton Price, Kelli Ray, Bailey Rutledge, Jacob Rhodes, Nate Killebrew, Lamar Land, Tyler Sloan, Brandon Conerly and D.J. Bilskey.

Cosmetology



Cosmetology, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Chitoshia Jefferson, Jasmine Thomas, Destany Vidonne, Melina Breazeale, Kayla Lynch, Alissia Falls, Brittney Williams, Emily Walton, Ashley Reel, Jessica Davis, *(back row, left to right)* Danielle Brocon, Annais Allen, Myesha Elmore, Jordan Tharp, Shundrick Hudson, Toxieshanna Hicks, Vikia Lay and Addie McCool.

Gaming Club



Gaming Club, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Alyssa Allbritton (secretary), Kiya Alvarado, Liz Howell (president), *(second row, left to right)* Alex O'Reilly, Destiny Sullivan, Crystal Allen, *(third row, left to right)* Christopher Garrett (treasurer), Ethan Burton, Chandler Garrett (vice president), *(back row, left to right)* Curtis Osborn and John Miksa.

Spirit Team



Spirit Team, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Kara Decell, Taysha Taylor, Amber Decell, Savanna Ellett, Tamara Greenlee, Brianna Campbell, Brittany Moore, Alexa Hayward, Adviser Karen Ray Shelling and Josie Halter.

MOSAIC



Multicultural Organization for Students Achieving, Inspiring others, and Challenging themselves, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Blake Bell, Savanna Ellett, Kameron Edwards, Cailyn Pope, Reilly Carr, Alysa Allbritton, Crystal Allen, Liz Howell, Charleigh Mcphail, *(second row, left to right)* Amari Harvey, Mahalia Jones, Octavia Smith, Destiny Sullivan, Titeara Gates, Shaneria Moon, *(third row, left to right)* Alexa Hayward, Jaslynn Ward, Lakesha Rand, Quinta Wise, Brianna Campbell, Brittany Moore, Alexandria Nichols, Nykeem Liddell, *(fourth row, left to right)* Shanterria Travis, Amber Clinton Saunders, Miracle Green, Tamara Greenlee, *(back row, left to right)* Jonathan Ware, Adviser Tress Crenshaw, Adviser Karen Ray Shelling, Adviser Angela Boyd and Adviser Linda Alexander-Jones. Not pictured: Anastasia Boston.

Holmes Plus



Holmes Plus, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Kameron Edwards, Cailyn Pope, Reilly Carr, *(back row, left to right)* Loftin Lane Price, Matthew McGee, Tyler Sloan, Miguel Garcia and Jacob Rhodes. *Not pictured:* Advisers Gail Muse-Beggs, Jodie Burchfield, Rosalynne Davis, Robert Harris, Heather Jones, James Marion, Angela Miles, Mary Leigh Poole and Jim Shirley.

SGA



Student Government Association, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Cassidy Gatson, Cayla Holloway, Alexis McBride, Juliet Warriner, Charleigh Mcphail, Blake Bell, Kalyn Robinson, Aelicia Thomas, *(second row, left to right)* Nykeem Liddell, Anastasia Boston, Jacob Rhodes, Loftin Lane Price, Hallie Murtagh, Sam Hudson, *(third row, left to right)* Shaneria Moon, Shanterria Travis, Miguel Garcia, Octavia Smith, Christopher Nalls, *(back row, left to right)* Calvin Glover, Miltorria Haymer, Alexandria Nichols, Amber Clinton-Summers, Yasmine Howard and Kyshawanna Sly. *Not pictured:* Adviser Tina Boyette.

Wear Red Day

Holmes Community College showed support for the American Heart Association by participating in their National Wear Red Day on Feb. 2. Wear Red Day is part of the AHA's campaign to increase awareness of heart disease. Groups came together across Holmes' district counties to show support.



SPNO



Student Practical Nursing Organization, Attala Center

(front row, left to right) Noel Quintanilla, Kathryn Sisney, Britannika Falls, Tiffany Hill, Sarah Stevenson, Karlee Lomen, Tabetha Daves, Franquita Tyler, Vanessa Miller, (back row, left to right) Farrie Rollins, Alanna Bond, Tako Lockett, Ashley Howard, Lakeisha Edwards, Barbara Nelson, Shantel Felton, Jerwanda Stewart. Not shown: Alexis Edwards.

SGA



Student Government Association, Grenada Campus

(front row, left to right) Kyle Savage, freshman rep; Maddison Porter, sophomore rep; Danielle Mitchell, vice president; Anna Marie Gray, reporter; Kaylan Ware, reporter; Will Tartt, treasurer; (back row, left to right) Alexis Brown, freshman rep; Courtney Dees, secretary; Sarah Leflore, sophomore rep; Kenall Preston, freshman rep and Ashlee Bennett, president. Not pictured: Adviser Cynthia Abel.

ADN Freshmen Day



Associate Degree Nursing Freshmen Day Program, Grenada Campus

The ADN Freshman Day students are: Arkeisha Austin, Jo Bailey, Taitianya Bays, Cassandra Bigham, Abby Boswell, Chasity Boykin, Makaelah Bradley, Jacquelyn Brooks, John Brooks, Hope Clark, Latoya Flowers, Morgan Garrett, Mary Grissinger, Haylon Hamilton, Taylor Hansen, Maridee Higginbotham, Shatoris Holmes, Amber Hughes, Brittany Jennings, Peyton Jones, Kelvin Lamar, Elissa Long, Vickey Lucius, Helga Matthews, Jerrice Mays, Misti Meads, Hannah Moore, Gregory Mynatt, Madzimoyo Owusu, Jacariah Parker, Chellsee Perry, Andrea Pike, James Pilgreen, Crystal Porter, Arneshia Robinson, Jesse Rodgers, Makinzee Rone, Amber Simpson, Keshanna Stanton, Kaylin Stevens, Shirley Thornton, Ivy Watson, Shawonder Wilson and Lauren Yarbrough.

ADN Freshmen Evening



Associate Degree Nursing Freshmen, Evening Program, Grenada Campus

The ADN Freshman Evening students are: Shecorey Allen, Brooklyn Andrews, Troy Armstrong, Alexis Ashmore, Patricia Avent, Jennifer Baker, Taffi Bennett, Carley Benton, Misty Branning, Bethany Bryant, Samantha Cabaniss, Morgan Collins, Denise Donald, Timarako Doss, Jordan Ervin, Rowena Gordan, Tenisha Hamilton, Braden Harrison, Laquita Harvey, Emily Hodge, Heather Hollis, Rebekah Lee, Kristen Lutts, Falla McCallum, Phyllis Meadows, Ashley Morris, Tatyana Oliver, Lorrie Peterson, Karli-Gail Pirtle, Mia Pogue, Rhonda Prado, Derek Purnell, Betty Rodgers, Ashton Shuffield, Kristi Sliger, Christiana Smalls, Shelby Starnes, Joseph Stroud, Shelby Terry, Alaina Thompson, Natalie Waterman, Victoria Watkins, Sharonda Webster, Alyssa Williams and Shakinah Williams.

ADN Sophomores Day



Associate Degree Nursing Sophomores, Day Program, Grenada Campus

The ADN Sophomore Day students are: Gerrica Adams, Cisali Alexander, Krystin Allen, Julie Bain, Clarissa Booker, Jessica Brown, Kali Burney, Britney Conner, Christina Dodd, Quindetta Felton, Albert Fleming, Payton Goss, Mallory Haire, Lashonda Hayes, Lindsey Hughes, Brandi Jenkins, McKenzie King, Melissa Ledford, Klandra Lee, Kristin Moore, Kayla Neal, Haley Pate, Keyonna Redmond, Brianna Stephens, Fisher Sullivan, Brittany Tindall, Natasha Walker and Taylor Williams.

ADN Sophomores Evening



Associate Degree Nursing Sophomores, Evening Program, Grenada Campus

The ADN Sophomore Evening students are: Jonathan Ainsworth, Candace Alderman, Jamie Allen, Melaine Anderson, Regina Bailey, Patience Bigbee, Sarah Bowen, Quentoria Burdette, Tina Burke, Brittany Clark, Heather Duncan, Judy Farmer, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Charles Jones, Sanesha Joy, Ann Larroux, Kelsie Owens, Tonya Owens, Breanna Picetti, Kathy Robertson, Erica Smith, Jameshia Westbrook, Ashley Wilson, Tonya Wooten and LaDarrius Yates.

SPNO



Student Practical Nursing Organization, Grenada Campus

(front row, left to right) Onna Dillon, Brittany Holland, Josie Johnson, Kalecia Herrod, Takila Robinson, Foutajhia McClee, *(second row, left to right)* Ashley Weeks, Alaina Burt, Erica Parks, Adiva Herndon, *(third row, left to right)* Hannah Winters, Taquita Pittman, Amy Melton, Sharda Alexander, Bailey Williams, *(fourth row, left to right)* Allison Allbritton, Deidra Trotter, Starlett Cannady, Deidre Payton, *(fifth row, left to right)* Elizabeth Gibbs, Shelbi Orrell, *(sixth row, left to right)* Paula Tyler, Sarah Nicole Langkawel, Stephanie Lamb, *(seventh row, left to right)* Amber Tilghman, Sam Pullen, Jessica Deutsch, Sonmondra Quinn, *(back row, left to right)* Angel C. Long and Kortney Stewart. *Not pictured:* Instructors Carolyn Case and Deandra Gibson.

Surgical Tech



Surgical Tech, Grenada Campus

(front row, left to right) Tamera Mister, Brooke Wiltshire, Cadedrie Patterson (treasurer/secretary), Courtland Crutchfield (vice president), *(back row, left to right)* Danielle Smallwood, Krista Hopkins and Ryan McAlister (president). *Not pictured:* Instructor Jessica Elliot.

PTA



Physical Therapist Assistant program, Grenada Campus

(front row, left to right) Alex Ballentine, Chelsea Huggins, Kirsten Dickard, Macey McDaniel, Hope Hendrix, (second row, left to right) Tierria Campbell, Devin Livingston, Camden Graham, Brittany Arnold, (back row, left to right) Brooks Turner, Turner Neely, Lemuel Richardson, Shelby Hoover. Not pictured: Instructor Meg King.

Ambassadors



Ambassadors, Grenada Campus

(left to right) Macie Craddock, Courtney Dees, Anna Marie Gray, Brittany Smith, Kimberly Kitchens, Will Tartt, Ashlee Bennett, Tate Glenn, Kaylan Ware, Sierra Anderson, Bradford James and Danielle Mitchell. Not Pictured: Adviser Cynthia Abel.

BSU



Baptist Student Union, Grenada Campus

Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa, Grenada Campus

(front row, left to right) Laney McKay, Katie Leach, Maddison Porter, Macie Craddock, Anna Marie Gray, Emma Kate Gibson, Danielle Mitchell, Hannah McCurdy, Kaytie Caldwell, Sunny Bailey, (middle row, left to right) Claude Herard, Ryan Rea, Tanner Grantham, Haley Meriwether, Lanecia Winters, Hailey Mims, Sierra Anderson, Taylor Henson, Melissa West, Kendall Preston, Hinal Patel (back row, left to right) Tristan Anthony, Gregory Clark, Natalie Strong, Irish Whitaker, Bradford James, Kyle Savage, Ashlee Bennett, Brent Dalton, Sarah Leflore and Courtney Dees. Not pictured: Adviser Amber Mabus.

Faculty Associations

Ridgeland Campus



(front row, left to right) Makeaba Latiker, Laura Canard, Ana Davenport (back row, left to right) Rachel Bickerstaff, Sandra Hultz, Dr. Lakesia Sutton and David Jones.

Grenada Campus



(front row, left to right) Dr. Kathy Nipper, Meg King, Lisa Wilbourn, Tina Garrett, Jennifer Brunson and Amy Land. Not pictured: Ginger Meriwether.

Fall Day EMT



Fall Day Emergency Medical Technology program students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) DeyJah Nelson, Diane Chamberlain, Lauren Adams, Shayla Wilson, Madison Ingram, (back row, left to right) Marcus Stone, Alan Lopez, Anthony Frank, Brett Cloud and Jack Willingham. Not pictured: Minda Cox and Kendal Lee. Instructor: Sandra Hultz.

Fall Evening EMT



Fall Evening Emergency Medical Technology program students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Anna Breland, Samantha Wilson, Chris Sullivan, Ariel Palmer, Morgan Ross, Jeffery Jones, (middle row, left to right) James McKee, Shawana Butler, Alex Robinson, April Fuller, Dillian Foster, (back row, left to right) Blake Rull, Caleb Bradford, Autery Dunbar and Connor Willson. Not pictured: Instructor Yancy Brewer.

Spring Day EMT



Spring Day Emergency Medical Technology program students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Larry Washington and Katelyn Vanderford , (second row, left to right) Zaccari Earls, Jeremy Cooper, Ashley Whitley, Jessica McGhee, (back row, left to right) Jeremy Marshall, Kyle Bowman, Riley Cole and Anthony Tucker. Not Pictured: Braylon Williams. Instructor: Sandra Hultz.

Spring Evening EMT



Spring Evening Emergency Medical Technology program students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Malcolm Harris, Samantha Wilson, Tucker Millican, Mandi Beard, Stephanie Stephanie V. Trudeau, (back row, left to right) Joshua Dougay, Paul Hebert, Jairus Davis and Noah Nielsen. Not pictured: Instructor Yancy Brewer.

Occupational Therapy Assistant



Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Sam McCreary, Miracle Buckley, Margaret Corcoran, Nikki Gladd, Miranda Campbell, Shelby Hedgepeth, Kate Nicodemus, Kaitlyn Holmes, Miranda Wright, Katy Hodges, Lindsey Savell, Carlie Bates, Mary Grace Homan, Hannah Nason, Somer Greer, Jasmine Rhodes, Adrian Hunter, (back row, left to right) Kaitlin Fuller, Caitlyn Bankston, Mary Elizabeth Peacock, Xhane Ervin, Noelle Keefer, A'Kiemia B. Gibson, Valencia Curtis, Erin Stradley, Zakaiya Wright, Carly Lott, Madelyn Simpson, Anna Kathryn Baioni, Krystal Titus, Peyton Dixon, Tiffany Hobbs and Beth Riddell. Not pictured: Instructors Jason Miles and Kana Williams.

Paramedics



Paramedic Program students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Haley Shafer, Tia Davis, Cassie Dipaola, Brayden McKay, (second row, left to right) Walker "The Situation" Johns, Barbara McHann, Sandra Hultz (instructor), Andrea Fly, Beverly Bailey, (third row, left to right) Steven Dortch, Leanne Jones, Zac Jones, Tyler Elias, (fourth row, left to right) Adam Denson, Daniel Russell, Bob Lazarus, Shawn Buchanan, (back row, left to right) Yancy Brewer (instructor), Tommy Dillard and Mark Galtelli (instructor).

SPNO



Student Practical Nursing Organization, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Emily Mason, Hayley Ragan, Zianni Willis, Monjineh Springer, Khorschuyar Williams, Briana Shelton, Kristin Gordon, Jane Eaves, Alexis Carney, Schleria Gross, Yolanda Funchess, Chenequia Coleman, *(back row, left to right)* Latonia Simmons, Asia Sandifer, Clintnisa Broome, Latrenza Thompson, Kayla Austin, Kimberly Davis, Tiera Mosley, Ge'Khilyah Ray, Madison Autry, Erica Prince, Kathy Yates and Breauna D. Rawls. **Not Pictured:** Instructors Dr. Lakesia Sutton and Heather Roberts.

Surgical Tech



Surgical Tech, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Sierra Gillum, Samone Blue, Ashley Fountain, Lasondra Gibson, *(back row, left to right)* Corby Pace, Danielle Robinson, Madeline Espinosa, Amanda Duke, Ebonique Green and James Baggett. **Not Pictured:** Instructor Shea Coleman.

ADN Freshmen



Freshman Associate Degree Nursing students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Quentin Shines, Caleb Jones, Brooke Nicholson, Audrey Johnson, Jamie Smith, Kelsey Oswalt, Lauren Berl, Jacy Cauthen, (second row, left to right) Madison Clausel, Madalyn Morris, Rebecca Dickard, Jessica Knott, Nicole Leber, Gabriel Bridgeman, Shelby Smith, Lauren Coon, (third row, left to right) Darya Thompson, Jenny Liles, Kristen Lee, Alice Shelton, Madelyn Smith, Catie Shofner, Tori Withers, Bayly Moss, Alexis Topik, Narzeunnia Collins, Crystal Anderson, (fourth row, left to right) Stacy Trejo, Kelly Thompson, Mathias Dryden, Kaitlyn Westcott, Rebecca Strong, Brooke Boteler, Emily Baldwin, Christian Bourn, Kadedria Luckett, Sam Jones, Drew Miller, Will Vanderford and Tamara Sims. Not pictured: Kelsey Smith and Instructors Susan Anderson, Alice Austin, Cindy Bridges, Kimberly Napper and Barbara Puryear.

ADN Sophomores



Sophomore Associate Degree Nursing students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Calland Pickett, Kandice Harper, Kayla McKenzie, Tina Davis, Jessica Body, Amy New, Haley Duddleston, Cindy DeMars, Traci Wilcox, Katherine Middleton, Dorian Patterson, Mackenzie Britt, Natalie Phelan, Micah Myers, Stephen Wray, Alejandro Hernandez, William Stringer, Jennifer Gore, (back row, left to right) Michelle Hicks, Madeline Holiman, Ashley Nicole Whitehead, Soma Dhar, Marqueshia Pass, Jennifer Bryant, Eryn Armagost, Renata Hughes, Cleo Lamb, Misha Fleming, Erica Smith, Morgan Daniels, Christina Rushing, Rachel Hill, Wendy Mabry and Lauren Graham. Not pictured: Instructors Alice Austin, Kim Sandifer, Tiffany Cox, Virginia Pearson, Susan Anderson and Barbara Puryear.

HALS



Holmes Association of Legal Students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Constance White, Ann-Clark Price, Sergio Cuenca, Hanna Shedd, Kym Lucas, Carleigh Pittman, *(back, left to right)* Taylor Russell, Henry Salamanca, Laura Davis-Tidwell, Ken Tullis, Ashley Pepper and Synclaire Hairston. Not pictured: Adviser Darleen Dozier.

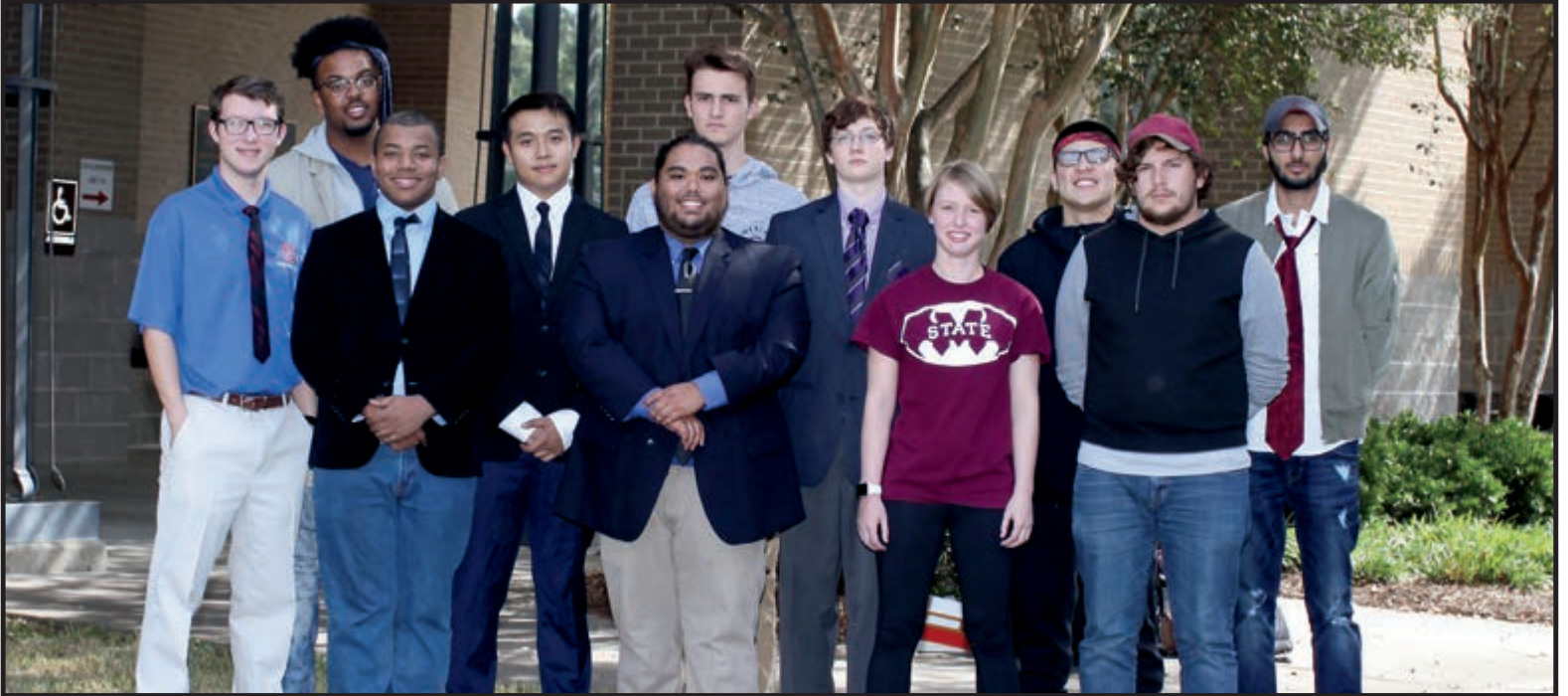
SkillsUSA



SkillsUSA, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Adviser Heather Moony, Isaac Oluwo, Belkys Padilla, Paige Hough, Diamond Coleman, Adviser Nathan Hutchinson, *(second row, left to right)* Price Horner, Noel Fendley, Antonio Benson, Herkevious McCoy, Victoria Beckley, *(third row, left to right)* Zac Brister, Rufino Galeana, Graham Newell, Quashun Coleman, *(fourth row, left to right)* Denzel Reed, *(fifth row, left to right)* Rance Buster, Tice Sanders, Brian Martinez, Chase Bergeron, *(sixth row, left to right)* Devan Jones, Will Manor, *(seventh row, left to right)* John Edwards, Houston Allard, ZaQuinton Wall, Daveonce Walley and Emmanuel Coleman II.

HAVOC



HAVOC, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Brandon Williams (secretary), Jesse Qualls (president), Kristin Huddleston, Matthew Wolak *(back row, left to right)* Travis Jones, David Wilson (treasurer), Johnathan Chea (vice president), Declan Ward, Vaughan Godwin, Ruddy Salmeron and Sukhman Singh.

Social Science Club



Social Science Club, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Aurora Sant'Angelo, Arbanee Harper, Nia Moore, *(back row, left to right)* Dacia McLaurin, Apajok Biar and Samantha Moffett and Adviser Makeaba Latiker.

Ambassadors



Ambassadors, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Fallon Brooks, Madison Lee, Savannah Collins, Carleigh Achee, Laura Ann Kelley, Chae Honer, Johnna Davis, Maggie Bloodworth, (back row, left to right) Presley Grillette, Kayley Stein, Melanie Owah, Slade Allgood, Davis Edwards, Travis Jones and Hayden Varner. Not Pictured: Adviser Amanda Lindsey.

SGA



Student Government Association, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Daiesha Herbert (freshman representative), Carleigh Achee (president), Johnna Davis (sophomore representative), Laparish Williams, Chae Honer (reporter), (second row, left to right) Savannah Collins (vice president), Keylin Bustillo (freshman representative), Victoria Thrasher, Laura Ann Kelley (sophomore representative) Savannah Smith (freshman representative), Jazmin Roman, Michelle Patton, (back row, left to right) Melanie Owah (secretary), Travis Jones (freshman representative), Sarah Donahoo, Miracle Montgomery, Davis Edwards (sophomore representative) and Maggie Bloodworth (treasurer). Not pictured: Adviser Amanda Lindsey.

iCreate



iCreate: Creative Arts Club, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Ruddy Salmeron (president), Rachel Hairston, Joshua Jackson, Kanisha Wade, Khidari Barksdale, *(back row, left to right)* Amber Cotton, Trinity Torrey, Orlircia Cooper, Jessica Bass (social media/reporter) and Kay Ringgold (secretary). *Not Pictured:* Advisers Steve Deaton and Arnetra Pleas.

Focus Factor



Focus Factor, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Michelle Patton, Mekayla Rainey, Matthew McCartney, Will Valentine, LaRyan Ball, Melanie Owah, Slade Allgood, J.R. Hall (adviser), *(back row, left to right)* Jack Stuart, Mark Hammond, Lydia Thompson, Victoria Thrasher, J.J. White, Luke Grewe, Lydia Allen and Khidari Barksdale.

Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Lydia Allen (vice president of Hallmark Awards), Sarah Donahoo (vice president of outreach), Mackenzie Danaher (vice president of college projects), Johnna Davis (vice president of outreach), **(back row, left to right)** Erin Renfroe (adviser), Melanie Owah (member-at-large), Slade Allgood (president) and Blair Booker (adviser).

Natural Science Club



Natural Science Club, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Instructor Dr. Troy Milliken, William Drake, Kimberly Moore, Daesean Harper, Fredericka Luckett, Morgan Hemphill, Mykaila Florence, Timothy Jones, Zach Goodman, Ashley Case, Instructor Joe David White, **(back row, left to right)** Instructor Ms. Evangeline Deer, Joshua Jackson, Aron Dykes, Dai'esha Herbert, Destiny Luckett, Kelly King, Savannah Collins, Melanie Owah, Morgan Leavitt and Instructor Greg Wilson. **Not pictured:** Arbanee Harper and Dacia McLaurin.

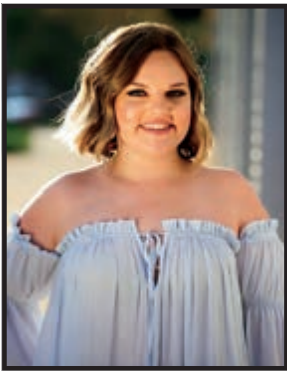
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Goodman Campus



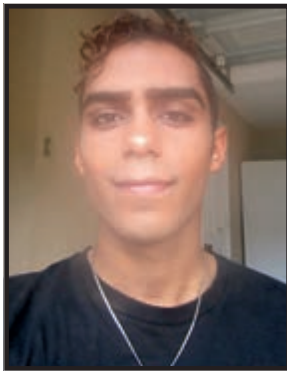
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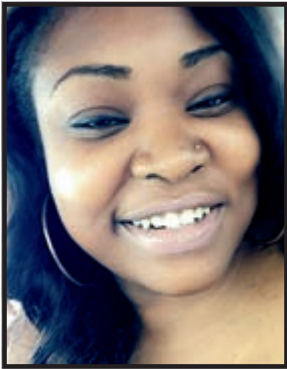
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Ridgeland Campus



Timothy Jones
Ridgeland Campus



Nykeem Liddell
Goodman Campus

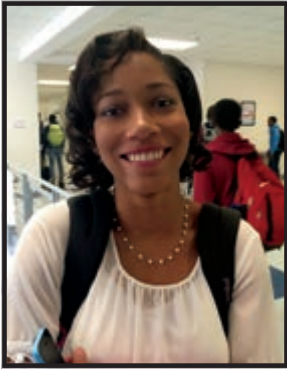


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Kanisha Wade
Ridgeland Campus



Liz Howell, Editor
Goodman Campus

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Grenada Campus



(left to right) Cayla Holloway and Nykeem Liddell
Goodman Campus



(left to right) Kristi Morrow and Jesse Qualls
Ridgeland Campus



(left to right) Megan Wilson and Matthew Wolak
Ridgeland Campus



(left) Anna-Grace Rogers,
Grenada Campus

(right, left to right)
Eryca Edwards, Editor
on
Goodman Campus and
Stephanie Wood, Editor
on Ridgeland Campus



(left to right) Laura Ann Kelley and Kanisha Wade
Ridgeland Campus



Sigma Phi Sigma



Sigma Phi Sigma, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Shanola Sanders, Shantrell Hill, Tanya Koehn, Shevekkea Madlock, Darla Masters, Instructor David Jones, (back row, left to right) Samantha Slayton, Brittany Griffin, Zevohn Smith, Jalen Applewhite and Michael J. Gatson. Not pictured: Instructor Dr. Thomas Garrett.

Alumni Committee



Holmes Alumni Association Committee

(front row, left to right) Michelle Burney, Katherine Ellard, Kay Asken, Hilliary O'Briant, Lindy McCain, Doris H. Belk, (back row, left to right) Johnny "Bit" Belk, Wilton Neal, Andy Wood, Gene Richardson and Dr. Don Burnham.



Womanless Beauty Pageant



Dude looks like a lady! The Bulldog Cheerleaders held a Womanless Beauty Pageant on Monday, Feb. 5, in McDaniel Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. Pictured are the winners (left to right) Brandon Renfrow, Kendrick Lejeune, Cole Johnson, J.D. Roberts and Alex Burt.







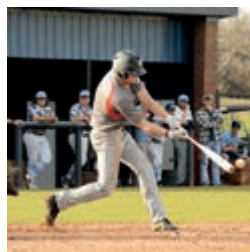
all smiles.

The Bulldogs are looking confident as they take the field to face Northeast Community College for the 2017 Homecoming game.

athletics



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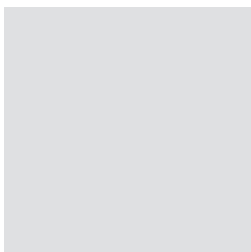
achieve.



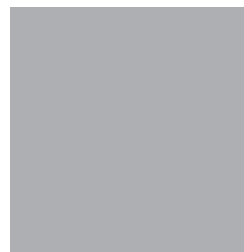
enjoy.



hustle.

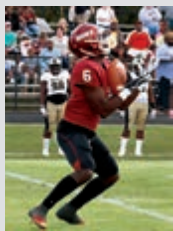


grow.



Let's go Bulldogs!

Between football, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, cheerleading and tennis, there are plenty of ways to be a Bulldog athlete! The managers, coaches, trainers and sports information all make the p



Holmes Bulldogs Football





The 2017 Holmes football team played like they had something to prove. Though they finished the season with a respectable 6-3 record, the Bulldogs stood at the top in a few NJCAA Categories. The offense ranked first in rushing yards per game, and yards per rush. The running game also put Holmes second for total rushing yards overall. The defense took the top spot in interception return yardage. Congrats on a great season-You've made Bulldog Nation proud.



Taking flight Sophomore Sanchez Berry hurdles a downed teammate to get around the outside.

Taking the field Coach Jeff Koonz takes the field alongside his players before the Homecoming game.

Bulldog Football



1 Kavonte Younger
Wide Receiver



2 Lorenzo McCaskill
Line Backer



3 Cameryn Brent
Running Back



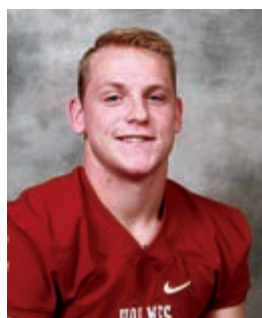
4 Josh Dodd
Quarterback



5 Vada King
Linebacker



6 Shaun Walton
Wide Receiver



7 Caleb Roebuck
Running Back



8 Sheppard Jones
Defensive Back



9 Jesse Wilson
Quarterback



11 Tyshauwn White
Defensive Back



12 Leonard LeBranch
Line Backer



14 Derrick Dixon
Defensive Back



15 Jaderrius Hooks
Defensive End



16 Sanchez Berry
Running Back



18 Rashad Pittman
Running Back



20 Luke Wilson
Line Backer/Long Snapper



21 Benny Benson
Running Back



22 Matthew Pleasant
Running Back



23 Dwain Alford
Defensive Back



24 Gabe Short
Running Back



Bulldog Football



25 Connor McKay
Place Kicker



27 Martavious Adams
Defensive Back



28 Brent Price
Defensive Back



30 Bryceon Magee
Defensive Back



31 Quindarrius Whitley
Linebacker



32 Johntha Walker
Linebacker



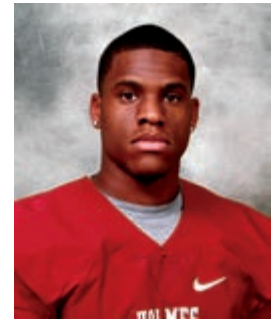
33 Chris Marshall
Defensive Back



40 Chavez Hill
Linebacker



44 Beau Johnson
Punter



46 Jakel Green
Defensive Back



50 Tripp Taylor
Offensive Line



52 Rodney Shaw
Offensive Line



55 Jawaski Webb
Offensive Line



56 Chris Dye
Offensive Line



60 Sam Ingram
Offensive Line



64 Trey Freeman
Offensive Line



65 Jack Chavis
Offensive Line



66 Hunter Ray
Offensive Line



68 Jarius Gooch
Offensive Line



69 Tra Winters
Offensive Line



Bulldog Football



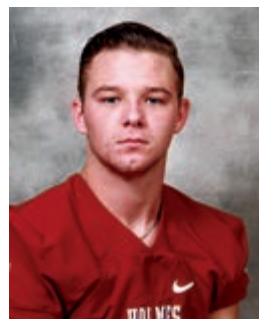
70 Eli Watkins
Long Snapper



75 Maurice Mosley
Offensive Line



80 Steven Burdette
Wide Receiver



82 Shye Link
Wide Receiver



86 DeAnthony Cowan
Defensive Line



88 Demarcus Johnson
Wide Receiver



90 Nick Thompson
Defensive Line



91 Kendarius Leonard
Defensive Line



92 Michael Simmons
Defensive Line



94 Brylon Fowler
Defensive Line



96 Charvez Embry
Defensive Line



97 Jonathan Ware
Defensive Line



98 Brian Matthews
Defensive Line

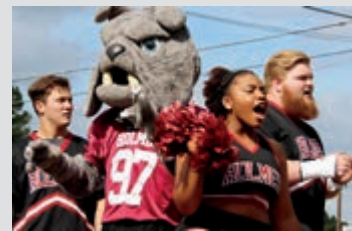
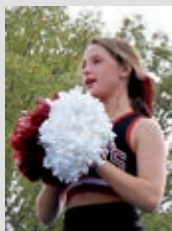


99 Tyshon Spencer
Defensive Line





**GO
dogs**



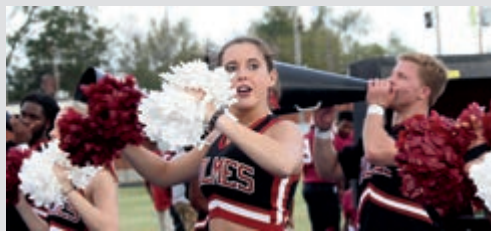
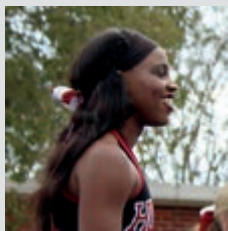
The cheerleaders don't just cheer at sporting events. They've also helped...

In the community Every year, the Bulldog Cheerleaders visit patients at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Batson Children's Hospital.

Entertain crowds From recruiting events such as "A Major Experience" to the Alumni events like the "Sports Hall of Fame," the cheerleaders always put on a show.

Promote Holmes The cheerleaders have even stepped in to give tours of the campus, and hand out goodies to staff at Convocation.





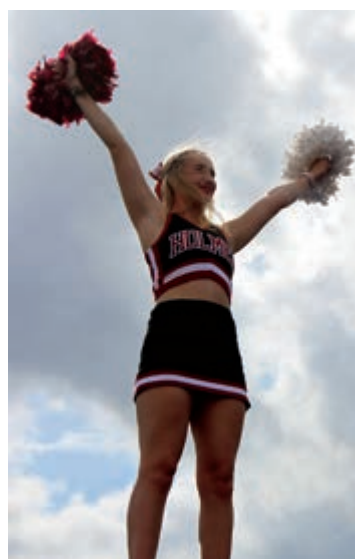
Bulldog Cheerleaders

Keeping us entertained from field to court - and everywhere in between!

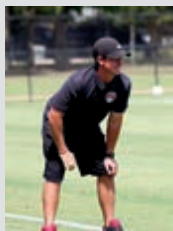


"Let's go,
H - C - C!"

The cheerleaders are quite the active group. They cheer on our teams, attend cheer camps, host their own mini-camp and compete in national competition!



Homecoming The Homecoming pep rally had a big turnout! Kids squeezed in to get a seat on the ground where they could see the cheerleaders in action!



Women's Soccer

The 2017 Holmes Community College Women's Soccer Season was another benchmark for the program.

This year's team rewrote the record book in almost every category. The Lady Bulldogs won their second straight MACJC North Division Championship and finished as Region XXIII Finalists while posting a record-setting 13-1-1 record. Three members of the Lady Bulldogs were awarded NJCAA All Region Awards and four other were awarded MACJC All State Awards. Not only did these young ladies excel on the field but they also placed nearly three-quarters of the team on the academic honor roll.

Team Pride

"Coming to Holmes I had a much different mindset than what I finished with at the end of this season. Thanks to my coaches and teammates I was able to experience the season I always wanted as a college athlete. I couldn't be more thankful that I was able to be a Lady Bulldog."

- Madison Deslatte



Wesley Noble
Women's Associate
Head Coach



Matt Convertine
Head Men's and
Women's Soccer Coach



0 Morgan McKinnon
Goalkeeper



1 Bailey O'Connor
Goalkeeper



2 Madison Hogue
Forward



3 Pepper Ann Filbert
Midfielder



4 Frances Green
Defender



5 Kendal Walsh
Forward



6 Cheyla Watkins
Defender



7 Kaylan Green
Forward



8 Nikki De La Garza
Forward



9 Sarah Donahoo
Forward



10 Brooke Burrell
Midfielder



11 Monica Stieh
Defender



13 Mckenzie Sims
Forward



14 Brookelyn Cramer
Defender



15 Abigail Bishop
Midfielder



16 Kaitlyn Goza
Defender



17 Jazmin Roman
Midfielder



18 Irene Mondragon
Midfielder



20 Madison Deslatte
Forward



21 Taylor Gagneaux
Forward



22 Britain Welzein
Defender



23 Anna Claire Stewart
Midfielder



24 Fallon Brooks
Forward



25 Courtney Turner
Forward



29 Sarah Chastain
Defender



M Hannah Kate Stewart
Manager



22 Megan Evans
Manager



Rosa Quintero



Madison Lee



Tori DuBard



Holmes Men's Soccer

The 2017 Holmes Men's Soccer Team was a team of very talented student-athletes who not only represented our soccer program with dignity, but also represented Holmes Community College with pride. The passion and character the players showed throughout the season and their determination to improve and reach a common goal made our 2017 soccer season a successful one. Three players - Jacob McNeely, Rolando Sanchez and Skyler Schmidt - were named to the MACJC All-Star Soccer Team. Sanchez was also chosen at the North Division MVP for the MACJC Men's and Women's Soccer All-Star Matches.

Character Above All

"A successful season is not only measured by the wins and losses, it is also measured by a team's ability to overcome any obstacle along the way."

- **Coach Ousmane**





00 Hayden Copeland
Goalkeeper



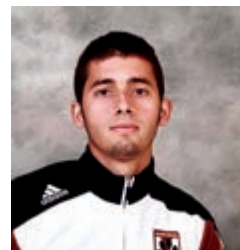
1 Sean Jeanfreau
Goalkeeper



2 Joshua Henkle
Defender



3 Jacob McNeely
Forward



4 Yoel Bacallo
Defender



5 Skyler Schmidt
Midfielder



6 Jose Barcenas
Midfielder



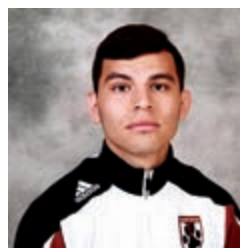
7 Rolando Sanchez
Midfielder



8 Timothy Wade
Defender



9 Elias Farias
Midfielder



10 Cristian Macias
Midfielder



11 Steven Cruz
Defender



12 Scott Hickman
Forward



14 Cristian Torrance
Defender



15 Luis Jimenez
Defender



15 Jase White
Defender



17 Charles Smith
Defender



18 Dalton Mailman
Midfielder



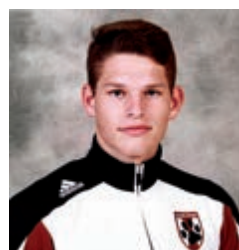
20 Noah Scheider
Midfielder



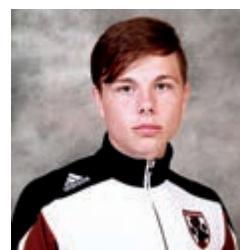
21 Daniel Burgos
Defender



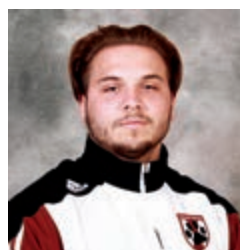
22 Henry Salamanca
Midfielder



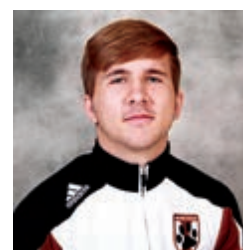
23 Logan Howard
Defender



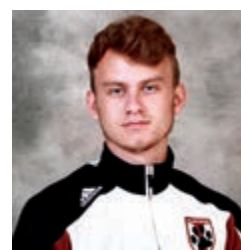
24 Braden Strickland
Midfielder



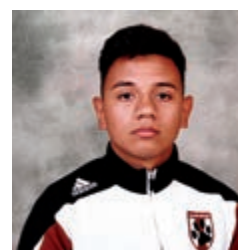
26 Jarrett McHenry
Defender



27 Kenneth Ashmore
Forward



Zachary Brister
Manager



Jorge Ulloa
Manager



Joshua Gresset
Manager



Ousmane Coulibaly
Assistant Head Coach



Matt Convertino
Head Coach

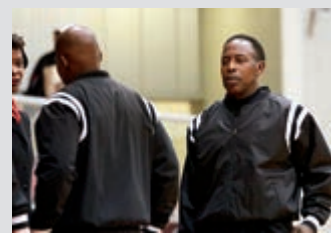
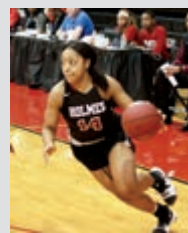
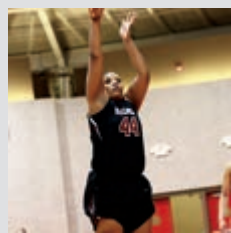
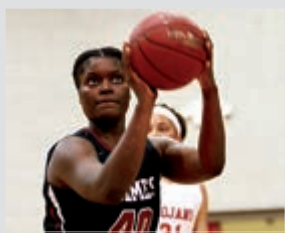
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Lady Bulldog Basketball

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs had an outstanding season, finishing with 18 wins and 9 losses. They secured a trip to the Region XXIII Tournament, but came up short at the final buzzer. Overall, the Lady Bulldogs averaged 66.4 points per game, and sophomore center Nina Carpenter of Las Vegas, Nevada, was named the MACJC Women's Basketball Player of the Week in November 2017.





1 Kamelia Lacy
Guard



2 Jalisia Lipsey
Guard



3 Christina Harris
Guard



4 Vaquela Pimpton
Guard



5 Aneisha Evans
Guard



11 Myeisha Robinson
Guard



12 Tyaira Wilson
Foreward



14 Ja'Breonia Veasey
Guard



15 Janae Collier
Guard/Foreward



30 Nhamia Wilson
Guard



32 Nina Carpenter
Center



40 Brittany Webster
Center



44 Jonja'Nay Spivey
Center



45 MiKayla Patton
Foreward



Koryana Johnson
Manager



Raven Wilson
Manager



Jamillah Andrews
Head Coach



LaTaryl Williams
Assistant Coach



Mens Basketball

The Bulldogs have added to the record books again! They defeated the Pearl River Wildcats at Mississippi College in Clinton, 77-64, in the Region XXIII Championship Game. Holmes traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA Championship Tournament on March 19, and the season ended following a loss in the opening round to the Western Nebraska Community College Cougars, 87-73. Javon Franklin and Justin Johnson were named to the All-Tournament Team and Coach Jason Flanigan was named Region Coach of the Year. Overall, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 24-5 record overall, averaging 79.4 points per game. Congratulations Bulldogs on a great season!





1 Stanley Williams
Guard



2 Marquell Carter
Forward



3 Joshua Everett
Guard



4 Trevais Spencer
Guard



5 Mikkel Norment
Guard



10 Jonah Simpson
Guard



11 Kassim Nicholson
Guard/Forward



12 D'Michael Stribling
Forward



20 Javion Jordan
Guard



21 Kortez Wade
Forward



22 Javon Franklin
Forward



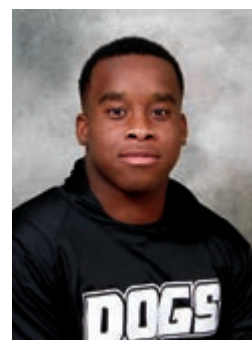
23 Justin Johnson
Forward



24 Jermaal Rogers
Guard/Forward



32 Winford Ross
Forward



Ramone Anderson
Manager



Alexander Grisby
Student Trainer



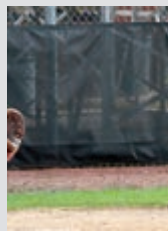
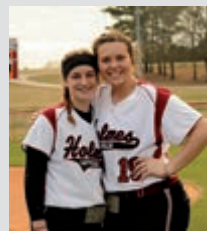
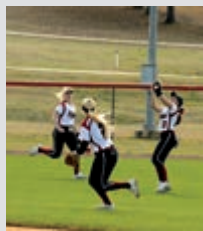
Edward Johnson
Manager



Nykeem Liddell
Manager



Alexandria Nichols
Manager



Lady Bulldog Softball

The 2018 Lady Bulldog softball team has 11 returning players to this year's squad and has already started out with a successful season. The Bulldogs are going into conference play with a record of 12 wins out of the 19 games played. They have also had 105 runs, a .331 batting average, a .487 slugging percentage, a .378 on base percentage and two home runs. Things are looking up for the Lady Bulldogs!





00 Haley Tedder
Infield



1 Madison Womble
Infield



2 Avery Thornton
Infield



4 Jana Newell
Catcher/Infield



6 Madison Brown
Infield



7 Juliet Warriner
Pitcher



8 Abby Bouslay
Infield



9 Haley Armstrong
Infield



10 Madison Fields
Outfield



12 Kaitlyn Warren
Pitcher



14 Katie Lawrence
Pitcher



15 Emily Littlejohn
Outfield



16 Madison Frazier
Pitcher/Infield



18 Jolie Smith
Catcher



19 Courtney Hatcher
Infield



20 Allison Irby
Pitcher



22 Becca Kennedy
Outfield



24 Aubree McWilliams
Outfield/Catcher



25 Cailee Arender
Catcher



26 Brooklyne Eubanks
Pitcher/Infield



Joseph McKee
Manager



Halea Wood
Manager



Ricky Casey
Head Coach



Christa Childress
Assistant Coach



Holmes "Dirtbag" Baseball

The Dirtbags are expected to have quite a successful season, already amassing 175 runs in 18 games. As they begin conference play, the team boasts a record of 14 wins and 4 losses.

We are excited to see how the remainder of the season plays out.



Critical Play

Kendrick LeJune makes a much-needed third out at shortstop.



2 Josh Tucker
Outfield



3 Michael Brown
Catcher



4 Brooks Cooper
Infield



5 Paul Green
Outfield



6 Sage Mullins
Outfield



7 Brandon Renfrow
Left-Handed Pitcher



8 Cole Johnson
Infield



9 Anthony Fidanza
Right-Handed Pitcher/
Outfield/Infield



10 Kameron Ferguson
Right-Handed Pitcher



11 Xavier Martin
Outfield



12 Chris Piernas
Left-Handed Pitcher



13 Jimmy Burse
Infield



14 Matt Warren
Catcher/Infield/
Right-Handed Pitcher



15 Kendrick LeJeune
Infield/Right-Handed Pitcher



16 Morgan Jarabica
Right-Handed Pitcher



17 Dane Bevell
Infield/Right-Handed Pitcher



21 Alex Burt
Left-Handed Pitcher



22 J.D. Roberts
Outfield



23 Steven Lacey
Right-Handed Pitcher



25 Will Roberts
Infield/Outfield



27 Colby Ellingburg
Catcher/Right-Handed Pitcher



30 R.J. Pierce
Right-Handed Pitcher



31 Jeff Crenshaw
Left-Handed Pitcher



Kenny Dupont
Head Coach

Holmes Tennis



Pictured are the Holmes Men's and Women's Tennis teams. They are (*front row, left to right*) Avery Terrell, Alexis Kahmann, Kaylee Hunt, Grace Diffey, Hannah Thomas, Lucy Oakes, (*back row, left to right*) Mark Palmertree, Payton Orman, Joshua Maughan, Chris Stuckey, Ryle Artman, Jacob Hawkins, Nicholas Bells, Richard Hernandez, Marcus Montfort and Christian Whitman.

The Holmes Men's Tennis Team and the Women's Tennis Team are both currently 0-3 overall, but still have seven more matches to go this season. Both teams are coached by Greg LeVert.



The Holmes Women's Tennis Team includes (left to right) Hannah Thomas, Avery Terrell, Grace Diffey, Alexis Kahmann, Lucy Oakes and Kaylee Hunt.



Greg LeVert
Head Coach



The Holmes Men's Tennis Team includes (left to right) Mark Palmertree, Payton Orman, Chris Stuckey, Joshua Maughan, Ryle Artman, Richard Hernandez, Nicholas Bells, Jacob Hawkins, Marcus Montfort and Christian Whitman.

Sports Hall Of Fame

On April 27, the Holmes Alumni Association inducted six former Bulldogs into the 2017 Sports Hall of Fame in Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman. The inductees included: Elizabeth Mosby Ellis, Women's Basketball; Todd Kimble, Men's Basketball Coach; Charles McCluskey, Football/Baseball; Phillip Sistrunk, Men's Soccer; Derek Starling, Jr., Men's Basketball, and Austin Taylor, Baseball.

Elizabeth Mosby Ellis played basketball and tennis at Holmes from 1995-97. She accumulated numerous honors, including: Most Improved Player, Most Valuable Player and All-State Second Team. For tennis, she was named Best Offensive Player, Most Improved Player, Most Valuable Player, All-State First Team, Most Dedicated Player and Juco All-Star. She was also on the President's List and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduating Holmes, Ellis transferred to the University of Louisiana in Lafayette to major in child and family studies. In 1999, she received the Sun Belt Conference Sportsmanship Award, and in 2000, she completed her degree. Ellis worked in pharmaceutical sales, and received the Special Achievement Award from Roche Pharmaceuticals in 2012. After working for three years, she became a mother and left the workforce, and has remained a stay-at-home-mom since then.

Bennie Todd Kimble of Hattiesburg served in a variety of roles at Holmes from July 1997-August 2012: workforce development coordinator, P.E. instructor, developmental mathematics instructor, men's golf coach and head men's basketball coach. Kimble followed in his father Bennie Kimble's footsteps, who served as Holmes' basketball coach for 27 years. A graduate of East Holmes Academy, Kimble played basketball at Holmes from 1987-88. He was also voted Most Intellectual Freshman and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. After Holmes, Kimble transferred to Delta State University where he earned his B.S. in mathematics. While at Delta State, he continued to play basketball, where he received the Mr. Hustle Award.

Kimble continued his education at Mississippi State University and William Carey University.

Prior to working at Holmes, Kimble taught math and coached a number of sports at Manchester Academy. While coaching at Holmes, he was named North All-Star Coach in 1998 and 2005; Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the Year 2003; Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Shining Star Award recipient 2006; MACJC Coach of the Year 2003 and MACJC Basketball Committee Chairman 2003-2005.

Kimble is currently the head boys basketball coach, cross country coach and geometry instructor at Purvis High School. Prior to his current position, he was head girls basketball coach, head football coach and mathematics

instructor at Dixie Attendance Center; positions he had held since left teaching/coaching at North Forrest High School. He and wife, Shannon, have three children: Bree Brackett, Tori Brackett Sidney

Charles McCluskey of North Carrollton enrolled at Holmes graduating from J. Z. George High School in 1961. A star athlete, he co-captained the football team and pitched for the baseball team

As a football player, he was voted Most Improved Back, named an Honorable Mention for All-State Fullback and was a offensive leader with 162 total plays. McCluskey earned a running average of .069 under Baseball Coach Jamie Howell. He and the Bulldogs won 11 games and lost only one. Not surprisingly, he was voted Most Athletic in 1963.

Outside of sports, McCluskey was vice president of his freshman class, served as a student council representative and was voted Most Handsome.

He continued his baseball career post-Holmes, playing semi-pro for 23 years. He also began working in construction at J.J. Ferguson Sand & Gravel Co. in 1967 and is still with the company today.

He and his wife, Jo, have four children - Charles A. (Tony) McCluskey, Robin S. McCluskey, Cecil Womble and Mike Womble - as well as 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **William "Phillip" Sistrunk** of Starkville is a '07 Holmes alum.

A native of Flowood and graduate of Northwest Rankin High School, he played soccer under Coach Matt Convertino on the Ridgeland Campus from 2005-06.

Serving as captain, Sistrunk was the highest goal-scorer and assist-leader his sophomore year. He was named to the All-Region 23 Team, named MACJC Region 23 Co-Player of the Year and selected for the Mississippi Junior College All-State Team. He was also named MVP for the Bulldogs each year of his tenure. As a freshman, Sistrunk volunteered as a coach for the YMCA soccer team and coached Mississippi Fire Juniors.

Elizabeth Mosby Ellis

Todd Kimble

Charles McCluskey

Phillip Sistrunk

Derek Starling, Jr.

Austin Taylor

Outside of soccer, Sistrunk majored in business administration/accounting and was a Dean's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame. He was also an active member of Pinelake Church, where he volunteered as a Bible study leader. Upon graduation, he attended Mississippi State University, graduating with a bachelor's in business administration in 2009. He currently serves as a human resources director for a restaurant group in North Mississippi.



(left to right) **Charles McCluskey, Todd Kimble, Austin Taylor, Dr. Jim Haffey, Derek Starling, Sr., Elizabeth Mosby Ellis and Phillip Sistrunk** pose for a photo during the 2017 Sports Hall of Fame Banquet.

Derek Starling, Sr., of Madison is a 1986 alumnus of Holmes. A graduate of Canton High School, he played men's varsity basketball under Coach Bennie Kimble from 1984-1986. As team captain, he was named to the All-Region 23 Team, MJCAA All-State and chosen to play in the MJCAA All-Star game. Other accolades he received included the Academic Award, the Sportsmanship Award, the Ras Branch Award and the Bulldog Award.

Outside of basketball, Starling was president of FCA, a Hall of Fame inductee, an honor student and on Homecoming Court. After Holmes, he attended MSU and earned his bachelor's in industrial and systems engineering. Starling's basketball career ended in the fall of 1986 while at MSU, due to a knee injury. Today, he is the owner of SOL Engineering Services, headquartered in Jackson. Prior to owning SOL Engineering, he served as corporate director of quality and enterprise resource planning at Proliance, Inc., in New Haven, Connecticut.

Some of the honors that Starling has received include: Small Business Administration's 2015 Mississippi Business Person of the Year and SOL Engineering being selected by Mississippi Business Journal as one of the "Top 10 Engineering Firms in the State." He and his wife, Daphenia, have one son, Derek.

Gerry Austin Taylor enrolled at Holmes after graduating from Kosciusko High. In high school, Taylor played three seasons at Kosciusko where he hit .396 for his career with 10 home runs and 84 RBI. He helped lead the Whippets to three division titles and in 2004, was selected to compete in the State Games of Mississippi.

Taylor hit .346 with a combined 50 RBI in his two seasons at Holmes. He garnered MACJC All-State honors and was selected to represent his team in the Mississippi Junior College Baseball Showcase. Taylor was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, as well.

In the 2006 MLB Draft, he was a 49th round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals. He also went on to play ball with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Blazers in 2008. He played in 51 games and started 49 in his first season at UAB. Taylor started 23 games in the outfield and 26 as the Blazers' designated hitter, tallying nine multiple-hit games and five contests with multiple RBI. He finished the season with a .247 batting average and 20 RBI.

He earned his bachelor's in business from UAB, and has worked for the past eight years at Mitchell Metal Products in Kosciusko as the sales manager. Taylor and his wife, Mary Claire, have three children - Tate Austin, Wells Atwood and Hank.



Director of the Goodman Campus Andy Wood, Grenada Campus Vice President Michelle Burney and Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham stop for a photo at Opening Convocation.

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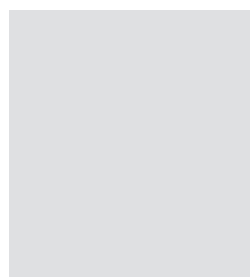
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Leadership at its best!

From teaching to providing personnel support to marketing the college, the board, faculty and staff at Holmes Community College work diligently to provide the best education possible for the students in the college's nine district counties.

Faculty & Staff



1. Allison Deweese and Reagan Dill greet guests to the Career-Tech Advisory Committee Breakfast on the Ridgeland Campus.

2. Ladies from the Goodman Campus Academic Office show off their matching shirts at Opening Convocation.

3. Heather Roberts and Dr. Lakesia Sutton represent nursing at the Career-Tech Advisory Committee Breakfast.

4. Jennifer Smith smiles with her Rotoract booth at Fall Fest.

5. Kathryn Cox, Tracy Herring and Debbie Harville stop for a photo at the Grenada Transfer Fair.





1. Grenada faculty and staff go all out for Halloween.

2. President Dr. Jim Haffey presents Baseball Coach Kenny Dupont with a bat in honor of Coach Dupont's 500th win at Holmes.

3. Chief Christopher Dill stands ready to try and block some soccer balls as students kick them at the Velcro dartboard at Fall Fest.

4. Sonja Arnett and Jessica Brown stop for a photo prior to Arnett's Humanities Lecture.

5. Grenada faculty and staff members stop for a photo before the students get out to Fall Fest.

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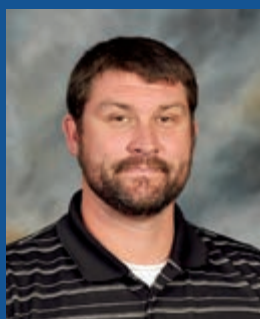
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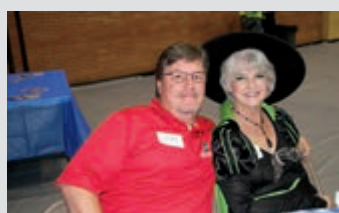
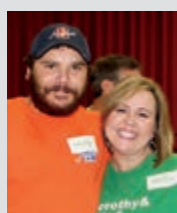
Click your heels together three times...

This year's theme further celebrated an old saying that a past Holmes vice president touted, "There's no place like Holmes!" We took things a step further and took things over the rainbow!



Convocation 2017

Before the first book is opened or first test is taken, Holmes staff and faculty have convocation. It's an "Opening Ceremonies" to kick off the year and get everyone ready to welcome students.



This is work? But we're having fun!



Stephanie Wood

"I'll never forget, my first day at Holmes was Convocation, 2016. While I was watching fellow coworkers try to dunk Dr. Haffey in the dunking booth, I thought, 'So is this what they do around here?' It was the best first-day on a job!"



Mary Margret Busby

"The Opening Convocation ceremony, themed 'No Place like Holmes,' kicked off the 2017-2018 academic year with food, fun and fellowship for faculty and staff district-wide."

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Some departments express their creativity by making their own t-shirts, shoes... Well, anything based on the theme. Here are a photos of those that participated.



"We'll see you on the Yellow Brick Road!"



Cowardly No More! Micheal Pawlik poses with the dessert bearing his likeness.



Crazy Ice Breaker Games Everone looks forward to some silly games to help everyone relax and have fun. The Hula Hoop chain was a group favorite!



Twinning (left to right) Judy Burrell and Ceressa Sims show off their matching Bulldog baseball tees and the Holmes hats they helped distribute to faculty and staff.



We go all out on food. Each campus was given a section of "Oz" to theme their food and table decor. Goodman was Kansas, Grenada was the Emerald City and Ridgeland was Munchkinland.

Faculty & Staff Service Recognition

Holmes honored faculty and staff for their years of service at the college during Opening Convocation 2017. The college also gave out awards, voted on by faculty and staff. The awards followed this year's theme, "No Place like Holmes," and were named for characters from "The Wizard of Oz."



Pictured is (right) HR Director Julia Brown with (left) Joanna Spell, recognized for 25 years of service to Holmes.



Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Lindy McCain, Cham Blain and Tish Stewart; recognized for 20 years of service.

(right) Ridgeland Campus employees recognized for 10 years of service are (left to right): Rachel Bickerstaff, Stephanie Blue, Amanda Lindsey, Allison DeWeese, (back, left to right) Roy McDonald, Barbara Puryear, Makeaba Latiker, Brooke Hood and Steve Deaton.



Pictured is Diane Allgood, who was recognized for 30 years of service with the college.



Employees recognized for 15 years of service are (left to right): Casey McDaniel, Diane Harman, Nancy McRight, Yoshika Stingley, Michael Pawlik, Wendy Grace, Jennie Pegg, Larry Morgan, Mary Leigh Poole, Leslie Spell and Gloria Benson.





Goodman Campus employees recognized for 10 years of service are (left to right): Dorothy Garrett, Tonya Wooten, Wesley Lepard, Mike Yates, Jimmie Hall, (middle, left to right) David Powell, Angie Burrell, Dana Nichols, (back, left to right) James Bordelon, Wadell Walden, Julia Brown, Rosemary Self, Derrick Rainey and Willie Roby.



Grenada Campus employees recognized for 10 years of service are (left to right): Jimmie Hall, Ginger Meriwether, Tracy Herring, Ann Weaver, (back, left to right) John Misita, Heather Guest, Slade Redwine, Craig Kirkendall and Gwen Lordeon.



(left) Pictured are employees from every campus recognized for five years of service with the college. The five-year recipients included: Emily Bennett, Evelyn Bishop, Ashley Bryle, Buster Bueche, Laura Canard, Brandy Culpepper, Jeanette Dawson, Frank Edwards, Justin Langford, Kevin Lepard, Chad Mooror, Frances Nix, Santosh Parakkal, Eddie Pearce, Bronwyn Robertson, Brian Simmons, Jerry Smith, Chanda Sykes, Mary Haralson, Jim Thompson, Steven Tiller, Sherry Weeks and LaTaryl Williams.



Stephanie Wood had the best answer to the prompt, "Explain what 'No Place like Holmes' means to you."



Dr. Fran Cox won the "Scarecrow: If I only had a brain" Award based on who has implemented innovation to improve/grow the college.



Dr. Amy Whittington received the "Tin Man: Wherever You Go, Leave a Heart Print" Award based on who has impacted others' careers at Holmes.



Cynthia Abel received the "Cowardly Lion-Not Anymore" Award based on who has accomplished professional goals.



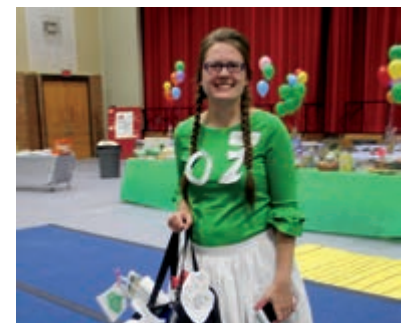
Roy McDonald received the "Emerald City Award" for a maintenance crew member who went above and beyond to keep Holmes beautiful.



Mary Haralson won the Ridgeland Campus "Glinda the Good Witch" Award for demonstrating exceptional customer service.



Miracle Redmond won the Goodman Campus "Glinda the Good Witch" Award for demonstrating exceptional customer service.



Bethany Miller won the Grenada Campus "Glinda the Good Witch" Award for demonstrating exceptional customer service.



2017 Foundation Golf Classic

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation Classic was held Wednesday, May 10, at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. The event included an afternoon of golf followed by a dinner social.

All proceeds from the golf tournament went to the Holmes Development Foundation, which uses funds to support scholarships, provide for instructional equipment, library resources and other activities to enhance Holmes' programs.

(right) Holmes' Mascot, Major, came out to support the golfers and the Holmes Foundation.



(left to right) Stephanie Wood, Barin von Foregger, Morgan Bondurant and Chief Christopher Dill pose for a team photo.



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1. Dr. Luke Jones tees off at the golf tournament.

2. (left to right) Bronwyn Martin and Mr. Johnny "Bit" Belk enjoy the beautiful day.

3. (left to right) Dr. Lindy McCain and Dr. Gail Muse-Beggs cruise the course at the tournament.

4. Pictured is the First Flight Winner, Team Mitchell Metal Products, Inc. The team included (left to right) Trey Bowman, Trent Adams, Austin Taylor and Chase Smith.



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5. Pictured is the Second Flight Winning Team, Team Howard Technology Solutions. The team included (left to right) Larry Webster, Glen Beard, Jr., Maurice Stinson and Dr. Jim Haffey.

(right, left to right) Rae Anne Haffey and Allison DeWeese stop for a quick photo at the Foundation Golf Tournament.

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Glen Beard, Jr. (far right) takes a photo with his son, Trace and his wife, Karla, following the Board of Trustee photos.



Pictured are (left to right) Director of Business Services Matt Surrell with Board of Trustees Maurice Stinson and Dr. Joe Galloway.

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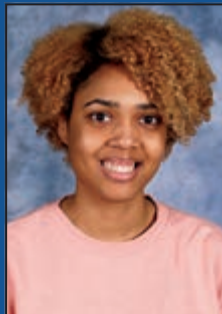
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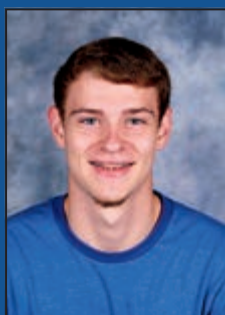
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Marcus Montfort



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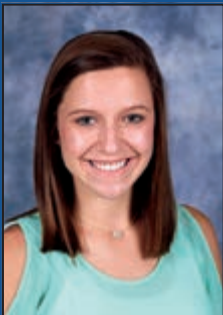
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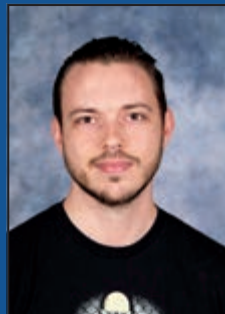
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Chauncey Washington
Allie Watkins
Georgia Watkins
Aaliyah Wells
Donald Wells, Jr.
Lauren Wells



Melissa West
Demerick White
Josie White
Azaria Wiggins
Bailey Williams
Courtney Williams



Freshmen



Demarco Williams
Hazel Williams
Tyundria Williams
Kennedy Wilson
Demetri Winters
Matthew Wolak



De'nyia Woods
Preston Woods
Maurice Wright
Rosa Zuniga



Freshman Matthew Wolak takes photos at Ridgeland Campus Fall Fest.



Freshmen Ashlee Robinson and Amber Cotton smile for a photo at the Ridgeland Career Fair.



Freshman John Michael McDaniel takes the mic at Grenada Campus Fall Fest.



Freshman cheerleaders (left to right) Indiara Perry and Lexie Caroline Brown stop for a photo on the football field sidelines.

Sophomores

Slade Allgood
Rachel Amason
Almeisha Amos
Sierra Anderson
Brittany Arnold
Rylee Artman



Kintera Ashford
Kyle Bain
Kyndale Baker
Alex Ballentine
Khidari Barksdale
Blake Bell



Ashlee Bennett
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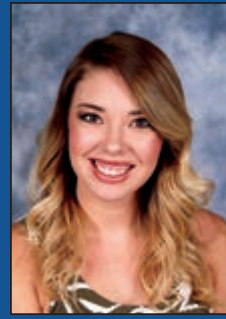


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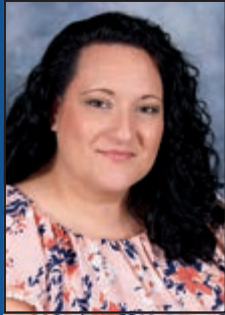


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Jarvis Durham



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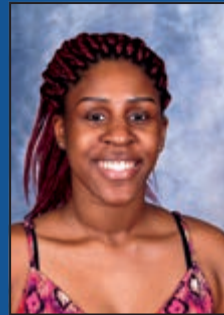
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Michael Gray



Nikeria Green
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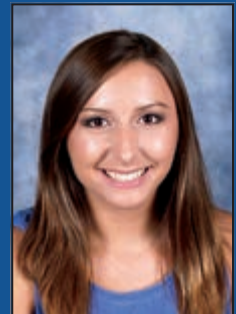
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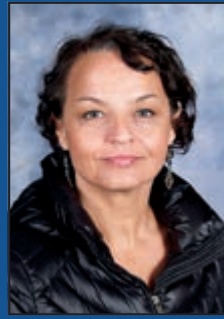


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Orlando Hoardii
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Shelby Hoover
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Elizabeth Howell
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Raegan Hydrick
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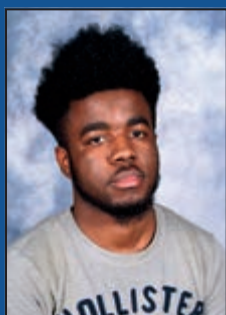
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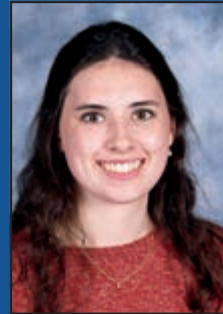
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McWilliams
Maggie Melton
Phillip Merryman



Drew Miller
Sabrina Miller
Vanessa Miller
Samantha Moffett
Shaneria Moon
Jessi Morgan



Hallie Murtagh
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Chellsee Perry
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Madison Pickens





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Cailyn Pope
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Jade Spencer
Marcia Stark
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Jerwanda Stewart
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D'ariel Sykes
Kristen Terry
Hannah Thomas
Jodi Timbs
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Gage Townsend
Jaylon Townsend
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Shelby Turner
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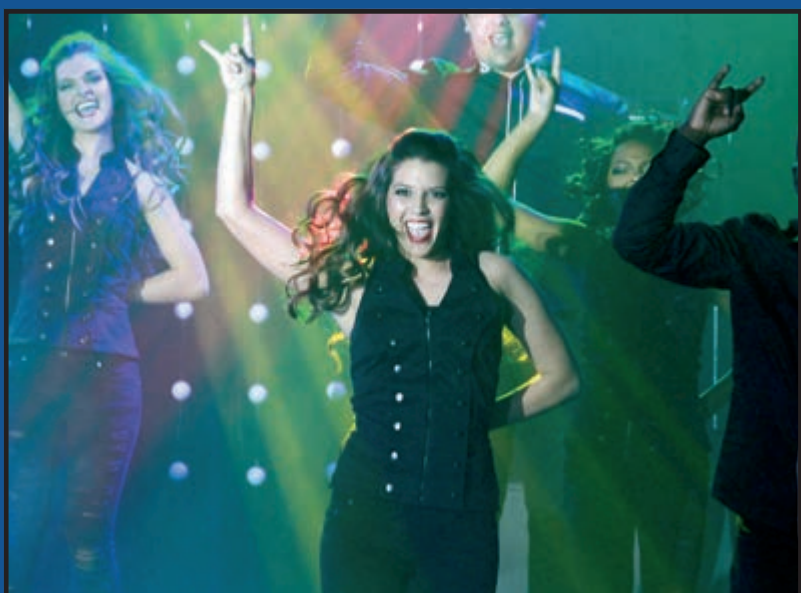


Lauren Yarbrough
Kathy Yates
Angelia Young





Ridgeland Campus Phi Theta Kappa officers (left to right) Slade Allgood, Sarah Donahoo and Johnna Davis pose for a photo following the spring of 2018 Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony.



Goodman Sophomore Shelby Turner performs with Connection! during Homecoming 2017.



Grenada Campus student Emma Kate Gibson works the Phi Theta Kappa booth during the Student Activities Fair.



Ridgeland Campus SGA members gather around the table to meet on a Friday morning.



Good times! (above, far left)

Mary Brantley, one of the 2018 retirees, poses for a photo with singer/songwriter Tricia Walker and instructor J.R. Hall prior to Walker's performance. Brantley organized this event as part of the "Exploring the MS Delta" series.

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Celebrate! Whether it's 10 years or 30, Holmes employees always seem to look fondly upon their time at the college when it is time to retire! Celebrations are plentiful for members of the Holmes family!

2018 Retirements



Diane Allgood began working at Holmes in 1987 as a mathematics instructor and continued in that role until she became the Ridgeland Campus Evening Director in 2011. From 2013-14, she participated in and completed the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy (MCCLA), and in the spring of 2015, added the role of District Coordinator for Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit to her existing job as Evening Director. She also continued to teach through eLearning.

Allgood has 35 years of experience in the education field with 31 of those at Holmes. She previously taught as an adjunct mathematics instructor at Mississippi College. In 2017, Allgood was inducted into the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators. She has also served on the Professional Education Advisory Council at Mississippi College for many years.

Some of her other honors include: Lamplighter Excellent Teaching Award, NISOD Award, Who's Who Among America's Community College Teachers, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, HEADWAE recipient, National Science Foundation teacher trainer, Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics member, past statewide president and member of Mississippi Teachers of College Mathematics. Allgood is married to Jimmy Allgood,

and together they have three sons, three daughters, two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, a grandson and a granddaughter. She enjoys working, reading, home design, watching "Wheel of Fortune," playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

"Diane and I have a long history as fellow mathematics instructors," said Vice President of Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox.

"However, the one thing that I will always remember about Diane was her willingness to mentor me when I first started at Holmes as a mathematics instructor. She made me feel welcomed and she shared her thoughts and materials with me. She fueled me with her enthusiasm about teaching mathematics, and I knew that I had found a great resource and friend. Later in her career, she once again came to my rescue to serve as our Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit director. She has taken that program and developed it into a program with great integrity. I was not surprised that this has happened, as Diane has always been one to achieve greatness."

"To know Diane is to know that she loves learning, she loves teaching and she loves Holmes Community College," said Ridgeland Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence. "Her uncanny ability to promote Holmes in any conversation that she has will be missed as much as her presence."



Daniel Blount began teaching at Hinds Community College in 2007, but came to Holmes in January of 2009. He teaches electrical, mechanical, hydraulics, pneumatics, welding, motor controls, programmable logic control systems and solid state motor controls.

Blount holds a bachelor's degree in electronics and has worked as a design engineer, a field engineer and an automation specialist. Blount worked offshore platforms, new equipment start-up in the U.S. and overseas, designed automation systems and programmed automation systems.

He and his wife, Terri, have two children: a daughter, Sherry, and son, Grayson. Blount enjoys fishing, hunting, boating and working on antique vehicles as hobbies. He is always working on a project at the house. Blount also has a small farm in Crystal Springs that he enjoys spending time at on weekends.

"Dan Blount is an outstanding instructor," said District Director of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington. "He has always gone the extra mile to help his students succeed. He built the Industrial Maintenance program into a very successful program and he will truly be missed by the Career-Tech family."

Mary Brantley has been an English instructor on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus since it opened its doors in 1985. She has taught English Composition I and II, Honors Composition and a variety of literature courses. Brantley previously served as Department Chair for the Department of English & Foreign Language, but opted to step down from the role in 2015 and redirect all of her attention back to the classroom. She has also served as coordinator of the Honors Program, project director for the Mississippi Humanities Council grants and on various committees for the college. In 2018, she organized the "Exploring the Mississippi Delta" series, as well.

Brantley earned her M.A. in English from the University of Mississippi following the completion of her B.A. in English from Millsaps College. A former HEADWAE Award recipient, she also received the Mississippi Humanities Council Scholars Award, was recognized as the Community College Outstanding Faculty Honoree, was chosen as a Lamplighters honoree and was a Mississippi Economic Council Star Teacher. Brantley also served as a lecturer with the Mississippi Humanities Speakers Bureau from 1992-1999.



"Mary Brantley has inspired many of us on the Ridgeland Campus with the abiding concern she has for the success of her students," said Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham. "She has taught her students not only how to write but to love and appreciate literature and to release their own creativity through personal composition."

Gwen Graham has worked on the Holmes Grenada Campus since 1996; first as a paraprofessional librarian and then as a member of the English faculty. She has taught Composition I and II, World Literature, Creative Writing and pre-core English and Reading courses. Graham holds a B.A. in English from Delta State University and an M.A. in English from Mississippi State University.

Graham represented Holmes at the 2016 Lamplighter Conference, was honored as the 2015 Humanities Teacher of the Year and was selected as a 2012 HEADWAE faculty honoree. She serves on the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association Board of Directors and has served the association as president. She is also coordinator of the Holmes Grenada Literary Contest. Graham serves on the advisory board for "St. Martin's Guide to Writing" and is a member of MADE and TYCAM. During her tenure, Graham served as an adviser of Alpha Mu Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was conferred honorary membership in the chapter and received the MS/LA Region Horizon Award.



An active member of the Grenada community, Graham serves and has served on the board for various organizations, including the Grenada Higher Education Association; Delta Kappa Gamma international honor society for women educators; the Garden Club; Junior Auxiliary and the Kirk Academy Board of Directors. She and her husband Chip are members of Friendship Baptist Church, where she is a Bible study teacher and serves as women's ministry director. They have two children, Whitney Woods (Travis) and Scott Graham (Ashlynn), and one granddaughter, Mary Gwen Woods.

"Gwen and I have been friends since we were in the first grade," said Grenada Campus Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville. "We went to college together. Then several years into our careers she became a part of our Holmes family. I have been honored to work with her, and when we worked together as Phi Theta Kappa advisers, we shared many wonderful trips with students. Gwen started the writing center in Grenada and has served as a mentor to many instructors. She has positively impacted so many students over the years as well as encouraging faculty and staff. Gwen will be greatly missed as an instructor and a friend by all of us in Grenada."

2018 Retirements



Jerry Harris plans to return to his home in Duck Hill upon retirement where he will pursue his own art; he says he has a series in mind. Harris graduated twice from the University of Mississippi; first with a B.F.A. then with an M.F.A. He also graduated from the University of New Mexico with an M.A. in art education.

Upon completing his degrees, he taught art in K-12. He worked with the founders of the Mississippi School of the Arts and served as an art adjudicator for them for 10 years. When an opening was available at Holmes, he accepted, and has held the position of art instructor since January of 2005.

"In all of the years that I have known and worked with Jerry, he has never wavered as a dedicated instructor or as a friend," said Fine Arts Chair John L. Cheatham, III. "Always punctual. Always professional. Always an authority in the field of art and art education. After retiring with full honors from the Pentagon, Mr. Harris decided to pursue a more serious career...in the fine arts. With extensive knowledge and ability, with countless methods and materials, he soon became a recognized authority in the field of art. Mr. Harris has held the prestigious position of adjudicator for the Mississippi School of the Arts for over a decade. He has been a

devoted instructor and mentor to thousands of students and faculty. He is a knowledgeable man of many talents and is exceptionally well read and versed. It has truly been an honor to have worked with Jerry all these years and I owe a great deal of my own advancement as an artist and instructor to him. I could not have asked for a better mentor and friend."



Dr. Robert Harris has been part of the Holmes family for 32 years but has 33 years total with the state. He is from both Jackson and Crystal Springs, and his hobbies include spending time with family and friends, attending flea markets/antiquing, judging Miss Mississippi preliminaries and playing tennis.

Dr. Harris holds three degrees from Mississippi State University: a B.S. in computer science, an M.A.T. in community college education and a Ph.D. in community college leadership. A few of his honors include: MS Academy of Sciences Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018, HEADWAE Honoree in 2004, Lamplighter Educator in 1996 and NISOD Excellence Award in 1995.

He taught as an adjunct instructor at MSU for one year and has held a number of positions at Holmes, including his most recent roles as director of placement testing, computer science instructor and associate chair for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Harris has also served as president and secretary of the Faculty Association, adviser for Phi Theta Kappa and as associate director for the Miss Holmes CC Pageant. He's a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, the MS Academy of Sciences, Phi Theta Kappa, the MS Faculty

Association for Community and Junior Colleges and the MS Retired Public Employees Association.

"Robert is a dear friend and colleague and probably one of the most legendary instructors of the past 30 years," said Goodman Campus Academic Dean Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones. "Some student comments about Dr. Harris include: 'Great enthusiasm for students to learn;' 'One of the best instructors ever;' 'Extremely concerned about his students' and 'Great Instructor, makes lecture interesting and fun.' There is no way to adequately reflect on Robert's contributions to Holmes Community College and the Holmes family, so I will use this quote from Dr. Seuss: 'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.' Robert, good friends never say

Dr. LaWanda Herron, director of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Holmes, holds a BSN from Delta State University, an MSA in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University, an MSN from Delta State University and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Mississippi. She has been an RN for the past 27 years, a nurse educator for 23 years and a family nurse practitioner for 21 years. Dr. Herron has been employed at Holmes for 19 years, and also spent six years as a nurse corps officer in the U.S. Navy.

Committed to the mission and goals of the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Dr. Herron is an experienced program evaluator and team chair and has participated on several Evaluation Review Panels. As director of nursing, Dr. Herron is responsible for managing the day-to-day activities for faculty, students and program oversight. She participates in research and grant-writing activities and presents at nursing workshops at the local, state, regional, national and international levels. In addition to completing numerous book reviews, Dr. Herron is a published author. She has taught at the associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

Dr. Herron is a member of the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors where she serves as the chair of the Policy and Legislative Committee and vice-chair of the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Nursing Sorority, American Nurses Association, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Mississippi Nurses Association. Dr. Herron has received numerous awards and recognitions, including nomination for Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year.

"LaWanda Herron has been an outstanding leader for the Associate Degree Nursing program," said Grenada Campus Vice President Michelle Burney. "Her respect for the nursing profession and her love for the college have been evident throughout her tenure at Holmes. LaWanda's passion for nursing education and her refusal to accept anything but the best have positively impacted the lives of hundreds of graduates. Her presence on the Grenada Campus will be greatly missed."



Jimmy Houston Sr. left his position as the chief of the Ridgeland Police Department to join the faculty at Holmes Community College in 2014. After 12 years of service as police chief, Holmes hired Houston to teach criminal justice and help build the program on the Ridgeland Campus.

Houston began his career in law enforcement in 1973, became a chief in 1997 for the Flowood Police Department and also served with the Jackson Police Department. He has previously taught at the college level, as well.

Houston's hobbies include fishing and taking naps in his chair with Scooter (the family dog). He and his wife, Bonnie, have three children: Michelle Ashcraft, Jay Houston and Ashley Arceo, as well as six grandchildren.

"From the time Jimmy Houston, Sr., stepped onto the Ridgeland Campus as a criminal justice instructor, he has been positively impacting the lives of the students, faculty and staff of Holmes Community College," said Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence. "His wealth of knowledge and practical experience is like none other and has been so instrumental in developing the criminal justice program. Mentor, colleague and friend are just a few of the terms that I would use to describe him."



2018 Retirements



Linda McCollum grew up in Canton and attended Belhaven and Mississippi University for Women. She came to Holmes Community College in 1990 and worked in Admissions and Records for 28 years. She has one son, and loves to cook. In fact, McCollum has published three cookbooks. Her third and final cookbook is dedicated to her "family" at Holmes.

"Linda has been the face of Admissions and Records, always guiding and helping students and parents with their admissions questions," said Judy Hemphill, who works side-by-side with McCollum in Admissions and Records on the Ridgeland Campus. "She delights co-workers with her cooking skills and occasional surprises of goodies for breakfast. I will miss my friend and colleague and wish for her a very enjoyable retirement and much fun at the cabin!"



David Parker has worked at Holmes for seven years in Adult Education. He earned his bachelor's and master's in education from Delta State University, and was selected to be a mentor for new teachers in the Adult Ed. program for Holmes.

Parker was previously in manufacturing for 27 years in Holmes County. His grandparents lived in Goodman so he grew up playing on the campus there. In fact, his brothers and sister all attended Holmes.

Parker says his wife tells him that his plans for retirement are to travel and see some of the many interesting places in the country. He enjoys working around his 5 acres, playing with his three horses and three grandchildren.

"David Parker has been an asset to the Adult Basic Education program in Yazoo City," said Vice President of Workforce Development Dr. Mike Blankenship. "His devotion to and concern for those individuals seeking to improve their quality of life through education has been apparent to all who know him. David has helped many individuals attain their high school equivalency, positively affecting the individual as well as their family and community."



Charlotte Gale Sheppard began her career in 1984 as the secretary to the dean of students, the director of student activities, the maintenance department and the director of PR. Then, from 1987-1990, she served as director of student activities, as well as sponsor of the yearbook, cheer squad and SGA. Finally, from 2006-2018, she served as an instructor of Business and Office Technology.

Sheppard holds an A.A. in secretarial science from Mississippi Delta Junior College, a bachelor's in business education from Delta State University and a master's in vocational instructional technology from Mississippi State University. She was also a Lamplighter Award recipient at Holmes. Sheppard is engaged to Jeff Sharp and has two sons and a "daughter-in-love" as well as four grandchildren. She enjoys leading music at First Baptist Church in Durant and playing golf, cards and board games.

"Gale is so much more than an instructor to me," said District Director of Career-Tech Dr. Amy Whittington. "She helped me learn how to be an instructor when I started teaching in the BOT department. She cares for her students and it shows in everything she does. Her kindness, compassion and wealth of knowledge have helped many move on to a successful career. She is a valued co-worker and dear friend who will be greatly missed at Holmes."

Jim Shirley holds a bachelor's in engineering physics from Delta State University, a master's in mathematics and physics from the University of Mississippi and has completed additional studies, as well. His teaching career began at a high school in Greenwood before he moved on to East Holmes Academy. Frank Branch, the president of Holmes CC at that time, recruited Shirley to Holmes and after seven years of teaching in Goodman, sent him to Yazoo City to teach mathematics and chemistry there.

While there, Shirley was able to assist Mississippi Chemical Company with ongoing issues they were having, which led to a job offer. He ended up working in human resources at the plant for 30 years. Upon retirement, Shirley returned to Holmes and has remained a campus-favorite among Goodman Campus students. He is also an adviser for the Holmes Plus Program, which is a scholars program he founded for students who show an aptitude in science and mathematics.

Shirley was a HEADWAE recipient, Lamplighters Honoree, a Holmes Board of Trustees Special Recognition Award recipient, a National Science Foundation Grant recipient and a member of MS Association of Physicists and Rotary Club. He has also worked as an industrial engineering consultant. Shirley and his wife, Amy, have four children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



"A 21-year education veteran, Jim is not your typical instructor," said Vice President of Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox. "He and I have worked together for those 21 years, and we have had many interesting discussions. Jim has provided Mississippi and surrounding states with a lot of successful students – whether they were looking to be engineers, medical students or just took his Physical Science Survey class because they'd heard how engaging his classes were. He is praised by his students, because they see him take classroom concepts to real world applications. He genuinely cares about each student's success. Known as a student advocate, Jim is passionate about his work and is innovative in his classroom. However, the most important characteristic to me is that he gives students a pathway to achieve their dreams – and many do."

Ceressa Sims began her college "career" at Holmes in 1972 as a freshman. Little did she know that in 1998 she would become a Holmes employee. The first position she held was secretary for Dwight Myrick at the Vocational-Technical Department for a little over five years. At his retirement, Sherrie Cheek took the lead and Sims worked with her for about a year until Tottie Lewis called and told her Dr. Starkey Morgan wanted to see her. That visit with Dr. Morgan led to her second position as director of student activities, which she loved and continued doing until April 2007.

She got another call from Tottie asking if she would be interested in her position as executive assistant to the president. Sims took the position, working under Dr. Glenn Boyce. Following his resignation, she worked for a few months during Dr. David Cole's tenure as interim president. Dr. Haffey was selected as the new president in September of 2014 and Sims remained there, with "my three sons," as she put it.

Upon retirement, she and her husband Donny hope to travel and become more involved in church and community functions. They especially look forward to spending time with their granddaughter, Kennedy Jane. Sims also plans to continue her monogramming and applique' hobby, along with catering.



Reflecting on her 20-year tenure at Holmes, Sims says she will cherish the friendships formed with such wonderful people. "As I close this door and prepare to open another, let me say it is my hope that Holmes continues growing by leaps and bounds to become the forerunner in Mississippi's educational field," Sims said. "I'm proud to be a member of the Holmes Family and I'll miss everyone!"

"Ceressa faithfully served the school in many capacities, but the three presidents she served alongside would argue that the college could not have functioned smoothly without her steady assistance and guidance," Dr. Haffey said. "She is beloved by the Board of Trustees that she assisted on a monthly basis. It has been one of the highlights of my career to work with a lady with great faith and quick wit, and I could not have done my job without her. She is a remarkable person."

Dedication to Sherrie Cheek



The 2018 Horizons Yearbook is dedicated to former Vice President for Career-Technical Education Sherrie Cheek. She retired from Holmes Community College after serving the college for 21 years.

"Mrs. Cheek was the best leader, teacher and mentor," said District Director of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington. "As an administrator, she taught me to value people, to make wise choices and to always stay true to myself. She was a wonderful role model for me as a professional female leader. I will always value the opportunity I had to work with her."

A Bulldog alumna, Cheek holds an associate degree from Holmes Junior College, as well as a bachelor's and master's from Mississippi State University. She joined the Holmes family in 1995 as an instructor and rose through the ranks from there. Over the tenure of her career, she was Director of the Attala Educational Center; Tech Prep Coordinator; Goodman Campus Director of Career-Technical Education; District Director of Career-Technical Education and finally, Vice President for Career-Technical Education.

Vice President for Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox shared her experiences working with Mrs. Cheek. "Some people wondered how in the world the two of us would work together – complete opposites (English vs mathematics) it appeared," Dr. Cox said. "That was not to be the case. I quickly realized that Sherrie was a smart and thought-provoking person, and she often gave lengthy dialogue to explain a situation (as evidenced by her texts). However, that dialogue would always have something unique (a gold nugget) in it that would add to the solution. She always brought new ideas to the table, but at the same time, respected others' ideas. I will always appreciate having the opportunity to work with her. Sherrie had a lengthy and successful career at Holmes. She was always the student advocate. She was tenacious about policies that affected them and Holmes provided a better environment because of that effort."

"Sherrie has an unusual wit about her, and her quirky comments always bring a smile to many when it is needed. On a troubled day this past December, I received a UPS package. I opened the package and there was a bright red Christmas doormat that said HO3 from my friend, Sherrie. Of course my math brain knew immediately it meant HO, HO, HO. I smiled every time that I opened the door to my house just thinking about the message. That is the kind of person that she is – thoughtful and always helping others."

Goodman Campus Director of Career-Technical Education Dr. Luke Jones commented that, "Her knowledge and work ethic were second to none. I'm very thankful for her guidance and leadership."

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey praised Mrs. Cheek's contributions, as well.

"Sherrie has been a great mentor, co-worker and friend to so many of us working at Holmes," Dr. Haffey said. "Her love for Holmes began when she was a student, and was evident every year that she worked at the college. She was not just an administrator or faculty member, she embraced the entire college by volunteering and giving back. She also made us all look better by being the final set of eyes to proof our important work! We are all so blessed to have gotten the chance to spend so many meaningful years with her. We miss working with her every day, but are very excited to dedicate this yearbook to her."

Cheek and her husband, Stephen, reside in Kosciusko. They have two sons, Corey and Logan, and one daughter, Megan. They also have five grandchildren.



Pictured are (left to right) Sherrie Cheek, Dr. Amy Whittington and Dr. Luke Jones.



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